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Friday Find

Marriage of Ernest Mentzer

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD

*THE STATE OF KANSAS,
Woodson County, ss.*

In the Probate Court in and for said County and State.

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT

Ernest E. Mentzer hereby applies for a **Marriage License** addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony **Ernest E. Mentzer** and **Edith M. Dumond** and being duly sworn, deposes:

That said **Ernest E. Mentzer** is aged **30** years of age, and that said **Edith M. Dumond** is aged **over 18** years; that they have their parents' consent to said union, and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble minded or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that the woman is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

Ernest E. Mentzer
(Signature)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this **31** day of **May** A.D. **1910**.

J.A. Thoroughman, Probate Judge.

**STATE OF KANSAS,
County of Woodson, ss.**

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the **31st** day of **May** A.D. **1910**, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a **Marriage License**, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 121
Woodson County, State of Kansas, **May 31st**, A.D. **1910**.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:
 You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **Ernest E. Mentzer** of **Yates Center, Kans.**, aged **30** years, and **Edith M. Dumond** of **Yates Center, Kans.**, aged **over 18** years, coventeing thereto and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.
 (Seal) **J.A. Thoroughman**, Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterward, to-wit, on the ____ day of ____ A.D. **190**_, returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

**STATE OF KANSAS,
 COUNTY OF WOODSON, ss.**

I, A minister of the **Gospel**, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the **First** day of **June** A.D. **1910** at **Bride's Home** in said County, consenting thereto, join and unite in Marriage the within named **Ernest Mentzer** and **Edith M. Dumond**,
WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.
E.W. Spencer, Minister.

Attest: **J.A. Thoroughman**, Probate Judge.

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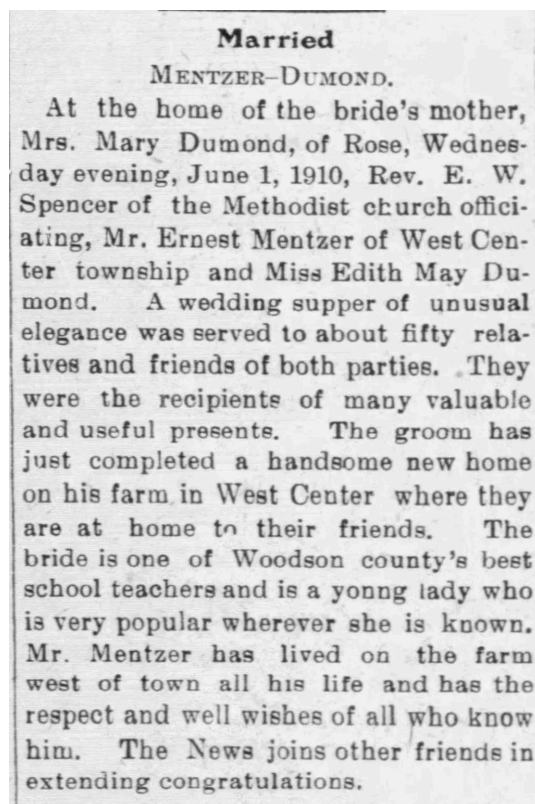
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Newspaper Announcement

Married MENTZER—DUMOND

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Dumond, of Rose, Wednesday evening, June 1, 1910, Rev. E. W. Spencer of the Methodist church officiating, Mr. Ernest Mentzer of West Center township and Miss Edith May Dumond. A wedding supper of unusual elegance was served to about fifty relatives and friends of both parties. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

The groom has just completed a handsome new home on his farm in West Center where they are at home to their friends. The bride is one of Woodson county's best school teachers and is a young lady who is very popular wherever she is known. Mr. Mentzer has lived on the farm west of town all his life and has the respect and well wishes of all who know him. The *News* joins other friends in extending congratulations.



Saturday Tidbits

German Maps

Do you use maps in your research? One of my favorite map sites is mapofus.org because it helps me figure out changing county boundaries. For the most part, I don't need a similar tool for the boundaries of states or even the United States.

However, a participant on Mondays with Myrt recently pointed out that the same is not true when doing German research. With that in mind, a display was created for Nemaha County Historical Society's participation in Oktoberfest. This display of maps highlighted not only the boundary changes but also the changes in the names of the country.

Holy Roman Empire

1789



German Confederation

1815-1866



Europe

1871



Germany

1871-1918



Europe

1920



WEIMAR REPUBLIC

AFTER WORLD WAR I



Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

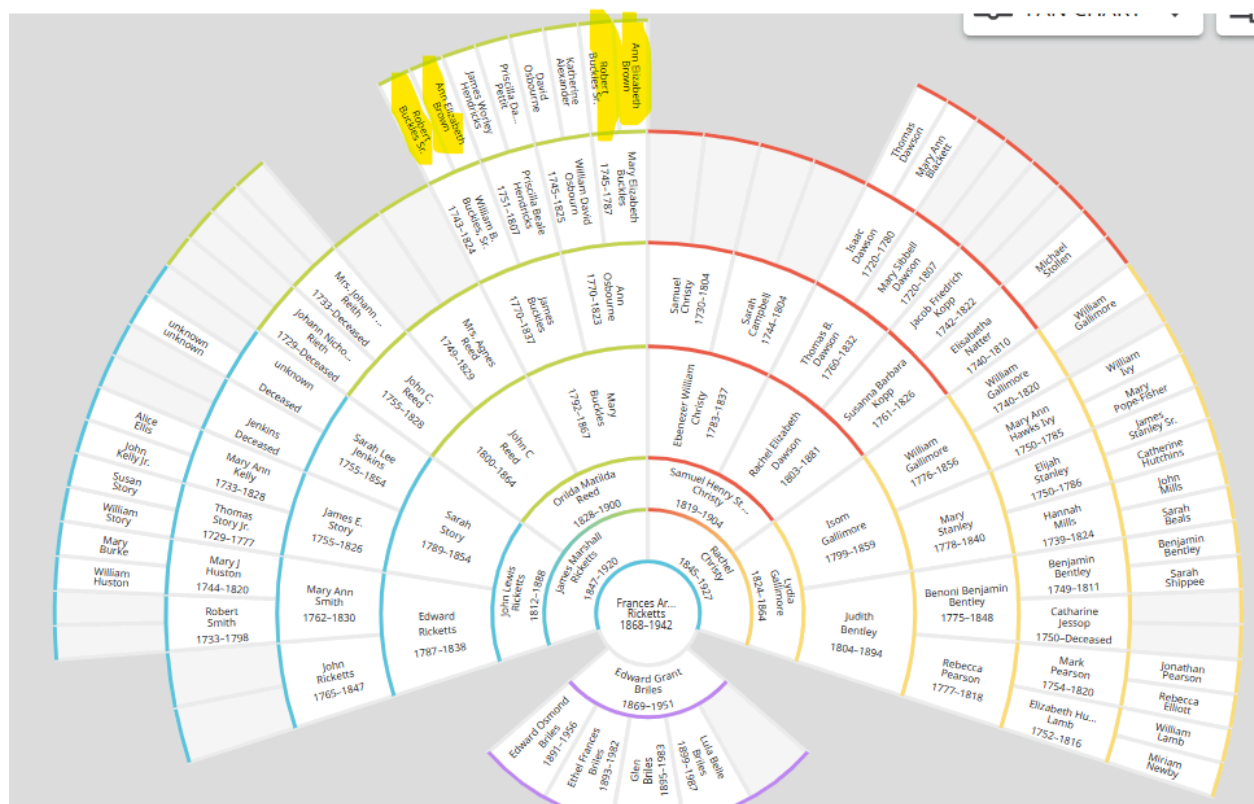
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Do you have any ancestors from which you descend two (or more) times?

My original answer to this question was no — unless some of my SMITH ancestors have a common ancestor.

Knowing that I have not researched all of my lines back into the 1600s, I decided to use the FamilySearch tree to see if I could uncover an ancestor in my tree more than once. Thus, I looked at the trees for my great grandparents. When I looked at the tree of Frances Ricketts Briles, I found a set of ancestors in the tree twice.





Thus, my 5th great grandparents, James Buckles and Anne Osbourne were 1st cousins.

Thank you Randy (and Linda) for this challenge! I doubt that I would have searched my tree for such a connection without this challenge.

Duggins Reunions

Have you ever stumbled across a newspaper article about a family reunion? While today's newspapers may not carry this type of article, I am always thankful when I find one. I recently found not only one but two articles about Duggins family reunions in Preble county, Ohio.

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The annual Duggins family reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Camden Community Park in Camden, with 40 present.

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Alma Duggins Doty and her sister, Eva Duggins Doty are my dad's half fourth cousins. Our common ancestor is Sally Smith who married Alexander Duggins prior to her marriage to James Crawford.

War News

As Published in the Seneca, Kansas Newspapers

ENROLL 'TWENTY-ONES'

Board to Shuffle Their Cards for Serial Numbers July 9

SIGN WITH UNCLE SAM

The "Twenty-Ones," young men who have reached their majority since the first selective service registration **October 16**, were signing yesterday with Uncle Sam. The local board registered 87 men, several of these from points outside the county, whose cards will be transferred.

All the "Twenty-Ones" registered on what the service regulations call "melon" cards. The regulation said this attempt was the colored cards orange or salmon or pink. They are merely termed "melon."

The men who registered last October 16 did so on white cards. There are a few cases of in-between. Such is the man in the national guard at the time and whose enlistment expired since. Such a case was that of **Douglas P. Dunn**, Sabetha. He registered yesterday for the first time. Since he is not a "Twenty-One," he was given the official card, white. He will be numbered with the first registration group, with a serial number following the last man on the October list. His order number will fall according to the first national drawing.

It is technical but it serves to clear the record for the "Twenty-Ones," those who registered on the melon cards.

The local board is directed to meet Sub-district 8 next Wednesday to shuffle the melon cards. Numbering will start with 1, but each number will be prefixed by an "M" further to indicate the second registration.

The local board does not yet know when information on these men will be inducted into service. There may be a new national drawing. The morning papers state that all men who reached their 28th birthday are automatically placed in deferred classification.

"Twenty-Ones" registered yesterday, with their addresses, are as follows:

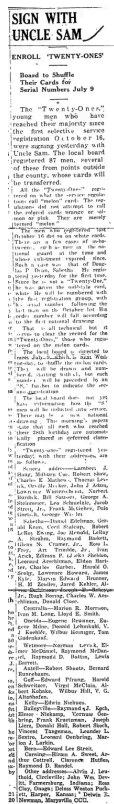
Seneca address – Lambert J. Haug, Milburn Coe, Robert Shaw, Charles E. Matthew, Thomas Levick, Orville Meeker, John J. Adam, Lawrence Winterscheidt, Norbert Burdick, Bill Sauser, George A. Steinmeier, Leo Schmelzle, Jacob Streith, Jr., Frank McGehee, Dale Goetsch, George W[isd]jer.

Sabetha – Daniel Edelman, Gerald Keim, Cecil Stalcup, Robert LeRoy Ewing, Joe Menold, LeRoy A. Strahm, Raymond Baskett, Glenn N. Cramer, Jr., Ross L. Frey, Art Trumble, Jr., Ivan Arick, Zillman P. (Jack) Sheldon, Leonard Aeschliman, Eldon Harter, Charles Garber, Harold O. Scoby, Lawrence Howard, James Kyle, Marvin Edward Brunner, H.J. Ze[u]ller, Jared Kehler, Alvin Dickinson, Joseph [D] Rokey, Jr. Hugh Boring, Charles W. Aeschliman, Donald Close.

Centralia – Marion R. Morrison, Ivan M. Long, Lloyd E. Smith.

Oneida – Eugene Brunner, Eugene Milne, Donald Lehmkuhl, V.J. Koehler, Wilbur Heininger, Tom Gudenkauf.

Other addresses – Alvin J. Leuthold, Circleville; John Wm. Devitt, Farmersburg, Indiana; Ross Clay, Onaga; Deloss Weston Puckett, Harper, Kansas; Delwin C. Newman, Marysville CCC.



Bubble Groups

Do you have to practice a procedure several times before the process sinks in? That's my situation with my Shared Matches of Matches class thru [Your DNA Guide](http://yourdnaguide.com/) See <http://yourdnaguide.com/>..

In this class, the concept of 'Bubble Groups' is introduced. I watched the videos for the case study and then re-watched the videos trying to do the steps with some of my own data. While my primary goal was to learn the process, I was also hoping to identify a 'mystery match'. Instead of a pile of paper, I worked with a Google Sheet.

BubbleGroupFinding	MasterTracker	MasterGroupC	MasterGroupD	RelationshipTracker	B-I
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- Downloaded my Crawford-Smith group of matches
- Sorted those matches by cM shared which helped identify groups A-D and labeled their group
- Created a column for 'tree notes'
- Added a column to note the bubble group the match is in
- Added sheets to track each group and to create a 'relationship tracker' page

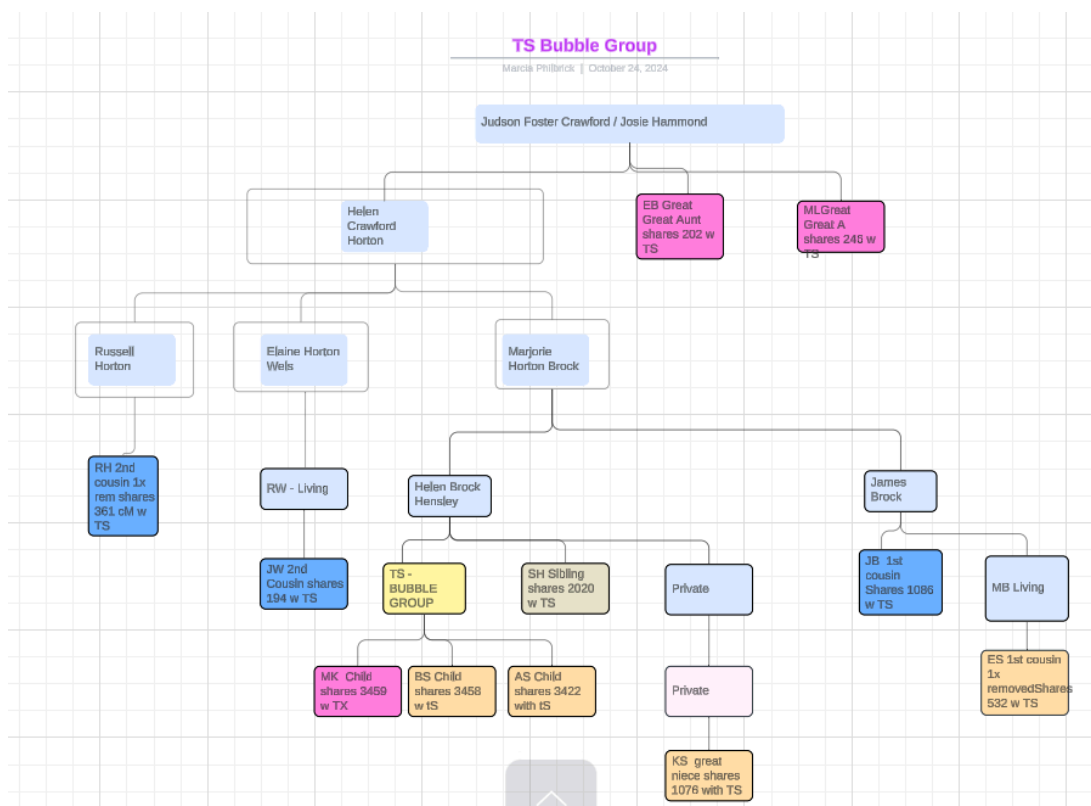
Because I had one of the DNA matches in my RootsMagic file along with several members of the group, I elected to work with that group to try and identify the rest of the group.

B	C	D	E	F
cM	N	Tree	Suggest Relationship to Tere	Group
3459	M	yes	daughter	A
3458	B	no	son	A
3422	A	no	daughter	A
2020	S	yes	half brother or nephew	A
1086	J	no	1st cousin / half nephew	A
1076	K	yes	grandniece or half niece	A
532	E	yes	1st cousin 1x removed	A
479	J	no	1st cousin 1x removed	A
361	R	unlinked	1s cuz 1x removed	B
246	lo	yes	2nd cousin	B
202	E	yes	2nd cousin	B
194	w	yes	2nd cuz	B

Working with the information I already had about the family and the number of cM shared, I attempted to create a genetic tree.

- My Bubble Group match (TS) is shown in yellow
- Female matches already in my tree are shaded with bright pink

- Male matches already in my tree are shaded with deep blue
- Matches not currently in my tree are shaded with tan



Match SH is shaded with light green. I have him in my tree as a full sibling to TS. Ancestry says he is a half brother or nephew to TS even though he shares 2020 cM with TS. When I checked the shared cM project, it indicates that a sibling can share 1613-3488 cM.

Parent 3485 2376 – 3720		
Half Sibling 1759 1160 – 2436	Sibling 2613 1613 – 3488	SELF
Half Niece / Nephew 871 492 – 1315	Niece / Nephew 1740 1201 – 2282	Child 3487 2376 – 3720

Until I have additional information, I'm going to leave SH as a full sibling to TS.

Now that I've 'repeated' the case study, I need to do the homework!

Working the Research Plan

Do you participate in Randy Seaver's Saturday Night Genealogy Fun? Recently one of those activities asked us to use AI to get a research plan. My request to AI was to develop a [research plan](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/10/27/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-129/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/10/27/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-129/>. to identify the parents of my 4th great grandmother, Sally Smith.

Before starting to work the plan, a review of the known information is needed.

When Sally Smith married my ancestor, James Crawford, in 1799, she had two young sons: Henry Duggins born in 1787 and William Duggins born in 1794. It is Sally's first marriage to Alexander Duggins in 1788 that provides the clue to Sally's parents.

Duggins, Alexander, Jr., bachelor, and Salley Smith, spinster, January 22, 1788. David Duggens, surety. Consent of her mother, Ann Shoemaker.
Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia 1763-1800. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1973) Duggins page 26

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES Amherst COUNTY VIRGINIA						
DATE OF BOND	NAME OF HUSBAND	NAME OF WIFE	PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OF HUSBAND	PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OF WIFE	SECURITY AND WITNESSES	MINISTER
1787 Dec. 18	Hamm, John	Galewood, Betsey		Galewood, Richard	James Hamm; Milley Loving, Ambrose Rucker Jr.	
" " 18	Hamm, James	Burford, Mourning	Hamm, Stephen	Burford, John	John Hamm; Milley Loving, Philip Burford	
" " 23	Savage, James	Phillips, Mary		Phillips, John father of Mary	William Phillips; John Loving Jr., Lucy Phillips,	
1788 Jan. 1	Saxar, John	Morrison, Mary widow			George Morris; W. Loving Jr., Jas. Murphy, John Bethel,	
" " 2	Pugh, Thomas	Morrison, Winneford widow	Pugh, Jno. (consent of)		Richard Harvie; W. Loving Jr., James Murphy, John Pugh Jr., Elizabeth Pugh, Mary Pugh,	
" " 2	Duggins, David	Stennett, Lucy (This is the consent only)		Stennett, William (consent of)	Henry Camden; William Stone, William Stennett	
" " 4	Zulcher, John	Huckstep, Elizabeth		Huckstep, Samuel Huckstep, Anne	Richard Zulcher; Jas. Hill, W. Loving Jr., James Murphy,	
" " 22	Duggins, Alexander Jr.	Smith, Salley	Duggins, Alexander (consent of)	Shoemaker, Ann	David Duggins; Milley Loving, Thomas Morris, Martha Goldsley,	

Not only does the record identify Ann Shoemaker as Salley's mother but it indicates that Alexander Duggins also gave consent for Alexander Duggins, Jr. to marry. Other names are listed as those providing surety and as witnesses to the marriage: David Duggins, Milley Loving, Thomas Morris, Martha Goldsly.

Unfortunately, I don't know much about Sally Smith's first marriage to Alexander Duggins.

Family of Alexander Duggins Jr.-639 and Sarah "Sally" Smith-1441

27 October 2024

FATHER Alexander Duggins Jr.-639

DEATH	bef 1799	
MARRIAGE	22 Jan 1788	Amherst, Amherst, Virginia, United States
FATHER	Alexander Duggins-10059	-
MOTHER	Mary -10198	-

MOTHER Sarah "Sally" Smith-1441

BIRTH	25 Feb 1770	Virginia, United States
DEATH	2 May 1856	Preble, Ohio, United States
BURIAL	aft 2 May 1856	Mound Hill, Preble, Ohio, United States
FATHER	Smith-25708	-1788
MOTHER	Ann -25707	-
OTHER SPOUSE	James Crawford-219	1772-1854
MARRIAGE	12 Sep 1799	Garrard, Kentucky, United States

CHILDREN**M Henry Duggins-481**

BIRTH	1787	
BIRTH	22 Dec 1788	on river Dam, Virginia, United States
DEATH	7 Jun 1852	Preble, Ohio, United States
BURIAL		Mound Hill Cemetery, Eaton, Preble, Ohio, United States
SPOUSE	Jane Sellers-480	1782-1861
MARRIAGE	16 May 1811	Ohio, United States

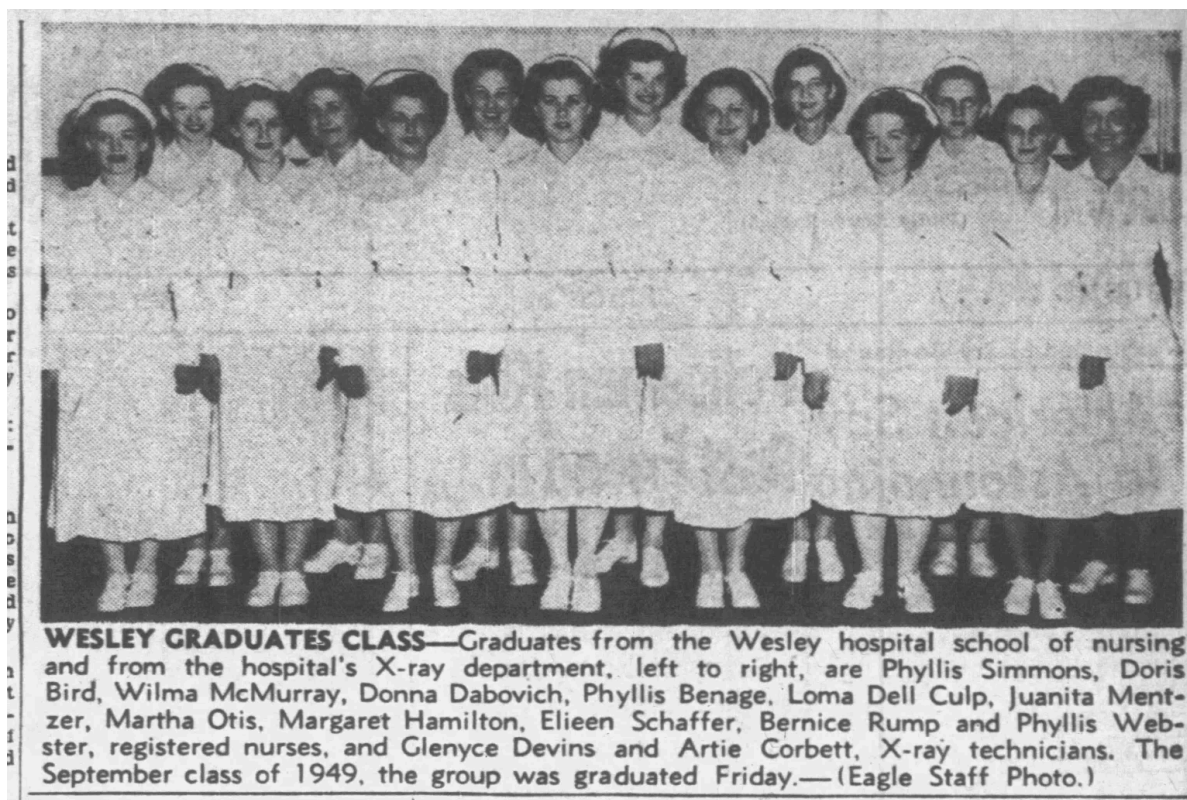
M William A. Duggins-482

BIRTH	19 Nov 1794	Amherst, Virginia, United States
DEATH	18 Feb 1872	Preble, Ohio, United States
BURIAL		Mound Hill Cemetery, Eaton, Preble, Ohio, United States
SPOUSE	Sally Neal-485	1798-1871
MARRIAGE	29 Apr 1819	Preble, Ohio, United States

Perhaps learning more about Alexander Duggins will help me figure out th SMITH connections.

Friday Find

Juanita Mentzer – Nursing Graduate



WESLEY GRADUATES CLASS — Graduates from the Wesley hospital school of nursing and from the hospital's X-ray department, left to right, are:

Phyllis Simmons,
Doris Bird,
Wilma McMurray,
Donna Dabovich,
Phyllis Benage,
Loma Dell Culp,
Juanita Mentzer,
Martha Otis,
Margaret Hamilton,
Eileen Schaffer,
Bernice Rump,
Phyllis Webster (registered nurses),

and

Glenyce Devins,
Artie Corbett (X-ray technicians).

The September class of 1949, the group was graduated Friday. — *(Eagle Staff Photo)*

Saturday Tidbits

War News

ALUMINUM TO BE COLLECTED ON THE 21st OF JULY

Mayor Jack Houston Asked to Head Campaign—Will Call Scouts

Aluminum has become a precious metal—precious to national defense. Uncle Sam finds he needs a greater stream of it than present aluminum plants can make. While new plants are being built, the government is calling for donations of used aluminum—old pots, pans, pieces of machinery, any scrap that can be given, to bridge the gap.

Mayor Jack Houston this morning has a request from Governor Payne Ratner that Seneca take part in the national aluminum collection campaign. The mayor is requested to act as chairman.

Mayor Houston said he would enlist the aid of Seneca Boy Scouts; perhaps of other organizations.

National aluminum collection day will be Monday, July 21.

It is suggested that now is the time to look about the house, the garage, shop, basement or other places where there might be old aluminum; not to wait until the 21st to hunt the metal.

Tentative plan is to have a block-by-block collection, with aluminum to be placed on porches or otherwise handy for collection. Mayor Houston said this morning he does not think it will be wise business for anyone but the authorized collection groups to gather any aluminum.

A fenced enclosure may be erected in front of the city hall to display the aluminum as it is collected the 21st.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas) 7 July 1941, page 1.

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Asked to Head Cam-
paign—Will Call Scouts**

Aluminum has become a precious metal—precious to national defense. Uncle Sam finds he needs a greater stream of it than present aluminum plants can make. While new plants are being built, the government is calling for donations of used aluminum—old pots, pans, pieces of machinery, any scrap that can be given, to bridge the gap.

Mayor Jack Houston this morning has a request from Governor Payne Ratner that Seneca take part in the national aluminum collection campaign. The mayor is requested to act as chairman.

Mayor Houston said he would enlist the aid of Seneca Boy Scouts; perhaps of other organizations.

National aluminum collection day will be Monday, July 21.

It is suggested that now is the time to look about the house, the garage, shop, basement or other places where there might be old aluminum; not to wait until the 21st to hunt the metal.

Tentative plan is to have a block-by-block collection, with aluminum to be placed on porches or otherwise handy for collection.

Mayor Houston said this morning he does not think it will be such a

business for anyone but the authorized collection groups to gather any aluminum.

A fenced enclosure may be erected in front of the city hall to display the aluminum as it is collected the 21st.

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling All [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

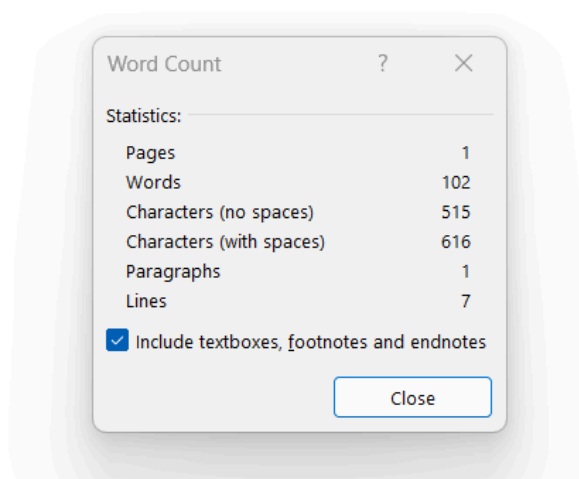
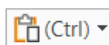
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to "Write a 100-word life sketch of one of your 2X great-grandparents." [NOTE: or another of your ancestors!]

Oh, how I would have hated such an assignment in high school! First, I don't excel at narrative writing. Second, getting the word count to exactly 100 words is a challenge that even AI can't accomplish.

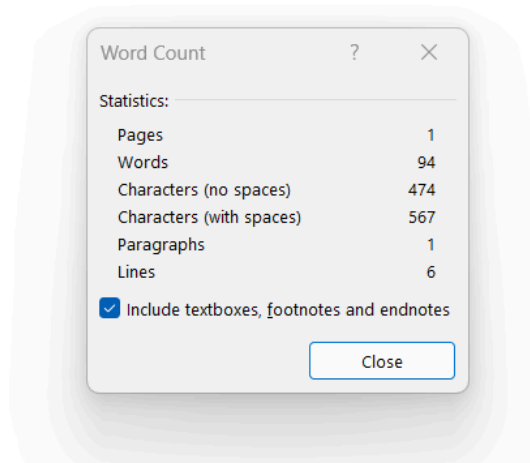
My first attempt was to ask ChatGPT to write the sketch using a narrative report for Thurston Kennedy Wells from RootsMagic. The resulting life sketch was 102 words.

Thurston Kennedy Wells was born on 26 February 1821 in Sullivan, Madison County, New York. A carpenter by trade, he appeared on the 1850 census in New York. He married Sarah Hall in 1851 and had two sons, Francis and William, before moving westward to Kansas by 1857. After Sarah's passing, he married Salome Adell Crandall in 1861, fathering several more children. Thurston lived in Michigan, Iowa, and Kansas, engaging in farming and land transactions. Known for his industrious spirit, he eventually settled in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, where he died on 3 June 1893. He rests in Yates Center Cemetery.¶



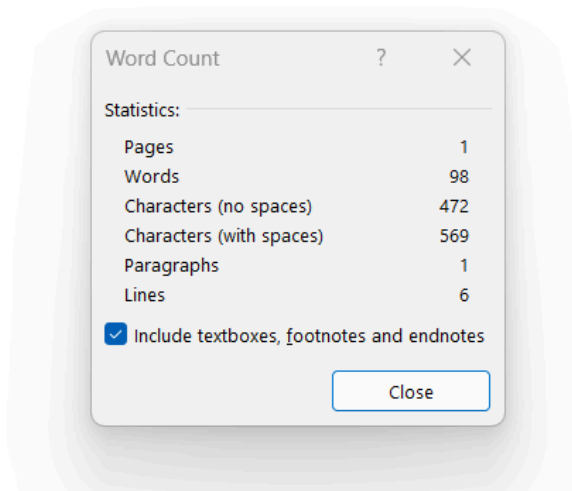
I then tried Meta AI to try and get a narrative meeting the 100 word requirement. Again AI failed at this particular aspect of the task.

Thurston Kennedy Wells was born on February 26, 1821, in Sullivan, New York. He worked as a carpenter and married Sarah Hall in 1851. They had two children, Francis and William. After Sarah's presumed passing, Thurston married Salome Adell Crandall in 1861. The couple had five children: Freddie, Mary, Anna, and Nettie. Thurston lived in various locations, including Kansas, Michigan, and Iowa, working as a laborer and farmer. He suffered from a "bad rupture" and died on June 3, 1893, at 72, in Woodson County, Kansas, where he was buried at Yates Center Cemetery.¶



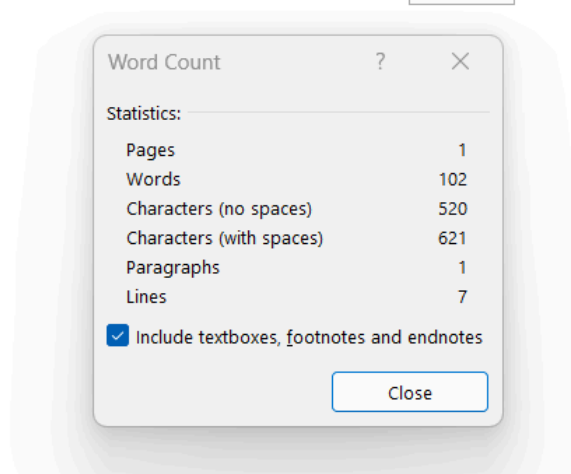
For my third attempt, I used Copilot. Again, the AI tool did not get the word count correct.

Thurston Kennedy Wells was born on February 26, 1821, in Sullivan, Madison County, New York. By 1850, he was a 30-year-old carpenter living in New York. He married Sarah Hall on May 18, 1851, and they had two children, Francis Owen and William Hall. The family moved to Kansas, and later to Eaton, Michigan. After Sarah's death, Thurston married Salome Adell Crandall on March 20, 1861, in Iowa, and they had three children together. He registered for the draft in 1863 in Michigan. Thurston eventually settled in Kansas, where he lived until his death on June 3, 1893.¶



For my next trial, I switch ancestors. I provided ChatGPT with the timeline report instead of the narrative report. Again, the word count does not meet the requirements.

Mary Foster Crawford was born on 28 August 1842 in West Lebanon, Warren County, Indiana. She married Washington Marion Crawford in 1860, and they lived in Warren County while Washington served in the Civil War, enduring imprisonment in Andersonville. By 1884, the family moved to Dodge City, Kansas, where Mary became an active community member. She purchased land, operated a boarding house, and participated in the Home Missionary Society, serving as its president in 1901. Mary lived in Dodge City for over 40 years, maintaining a vibrant role in civic and business activities until her death on 21 January 1929 at 86.

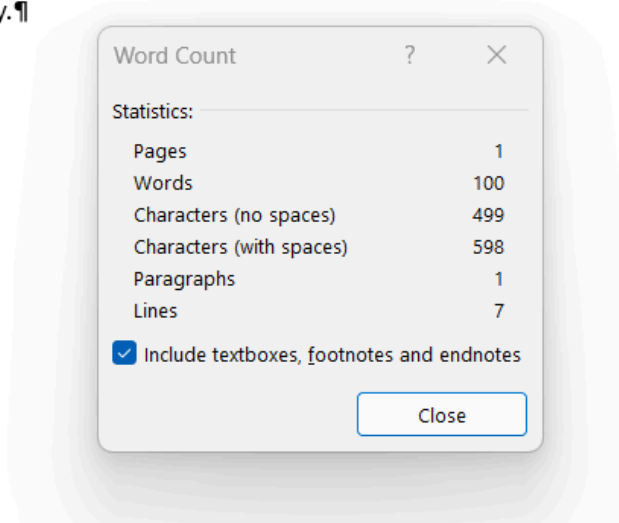


With a few minor changes to the original life sketch by ChatGPT, I was able to meet the word count requirement. I took out the words 'and land transactions' in the middle of the sketch and replaced the word 'rests' in the last sentence with 'is buried'.

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Thanks Randy and Linda for this challenge!

Honoring Veterans

Today is Veteran's Day.

Previous posts have honored the veterans in my tree:

- 2015 – [Honoring the Veterans in My Family](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2015/11/10/honoring-my-veteran-ancestors/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2015/11/10/honoring-my-veteran-ancestors/>.
- 2019 – [Honoring the Veterans in My Family](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2019/11/11/honoring-the-veterans-in-my-family/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2019/11/11/honoring-the-veterans-in-my-family/>.
- 2021 – [Veterans in My Genealogy Files](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/11/11/veterans-in-my-tree/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/11/11/veterans-in-my-tree/>.
- 2023 – [List of Blog Posts – Veterans in my Tree](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/11/veterans-day/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/11/veterans-day/>.
- 2023 – [Revolutionary Ancestors](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/07/03/revolutionary-ancestors/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/07/03/revolutionary-ancestors/>.

I have also participated in the [Honor Roll Project](https://honorrollproject.weebly.com/) See

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- [War Memorial](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/11/11/war-memorial/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/11/11/war-memorial/>.
- [Some Gave All](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/05/29/some-gave-all/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/05/29/some-gave-all/>. – Seneca's Military Wall

During the past year, I took on a project for the Nemaha County Historical Society to identify Nemaha countians who were awarded the Purple Heart. Using the local newspapers, I located articles mentioning over 300 people receiving the Purple Heart. The [list of Purple Heart recipients](https://sites.google.com/view/nemahahistory/military/purple-hearts) See

<https://sites.google.com/view/nemahahistory/military/purple-hearts>. includes links to blog posts about those who gave their lives during World War II. The following video honors their memory

Nemaha County Service Men and Women

Who Gave Lives during World War II

WW2 Deaths

https://youtube.com/watch?v=RW5yuy_hcFU



War News

As told in the Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)

CALL NINE FOR JULY 16

DEFER MEN OVER 28

Board Has New Regulations on Men Recently Married

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These are the men on the list:

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- John Alfred Barrett, Wetmore;
- Raphael Leo Dalsing, Seneca.
- William Baxter Stanton, Centralia;
- Albert John Boeckman, Goff;
- Joseph Clement Huninghake, Seneca;
- Kenneth LeRoy Gernand, Goff, now at Washington, D.C.;
- Wilfred Bernard Kramer, Seneca;
- Lester Eugene Noble, Oneida;

The call was originally for 12 men. However, three men who were past 28 and men 28 and past are being deferred at the present time pending congressional action, which is expected to defer such men permanently. The three who would have gone are Frank Callahan of Wetmore, Chas. McMahon of Bancroft and Samuel Robbins, employed at the Paramount Cleaners, Seneca.

The deferment of men past 28 came too close to the July call for the board to give proper length of notice to other men to take their places.

Must Make Statement

Men who are married after they register, or acquire other dependents which they feel entitle them to deferment, must now submit a written statement before they are placed in deferred class, according to advice from state headquarters at Topeka. This history of the case must show the dependent was acquired in the "normal course of human affairs," before the board makes deferment. If the registrant or his dependent does not submit such a statement, the board is to give the registrant 10 days' notice for its need before giving the man his final classification.

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It is noted it is not necessary to put a man in class 1A if the wife contributes to support of the home. The husband in such case might also be contributing to her support.

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Bulletin Board at Office

The Selective Service board, which did have its bulletin board at the City Hall, now posts information of interest to registrants on its bulletin board in its office opposite the City Hall.

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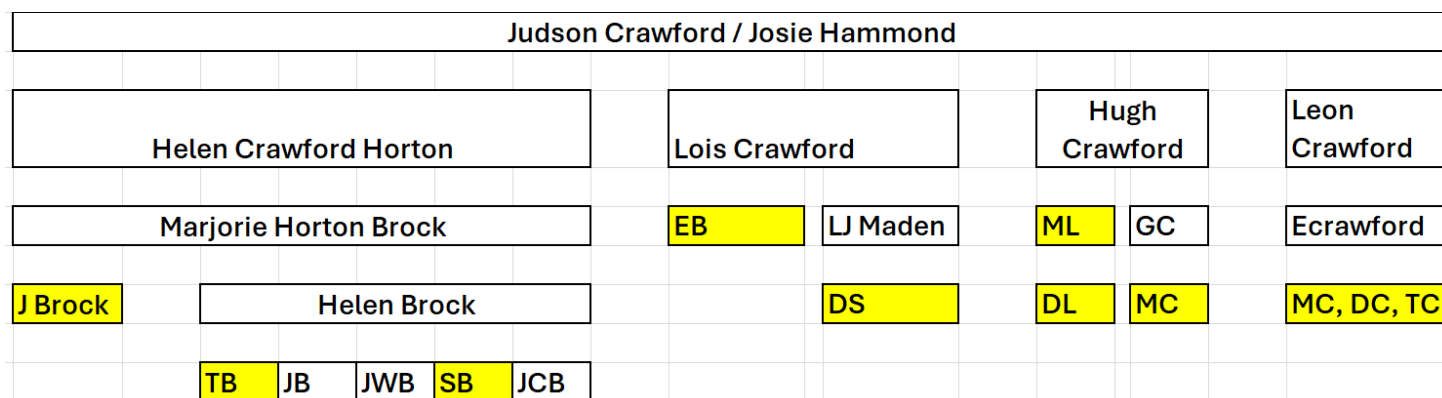
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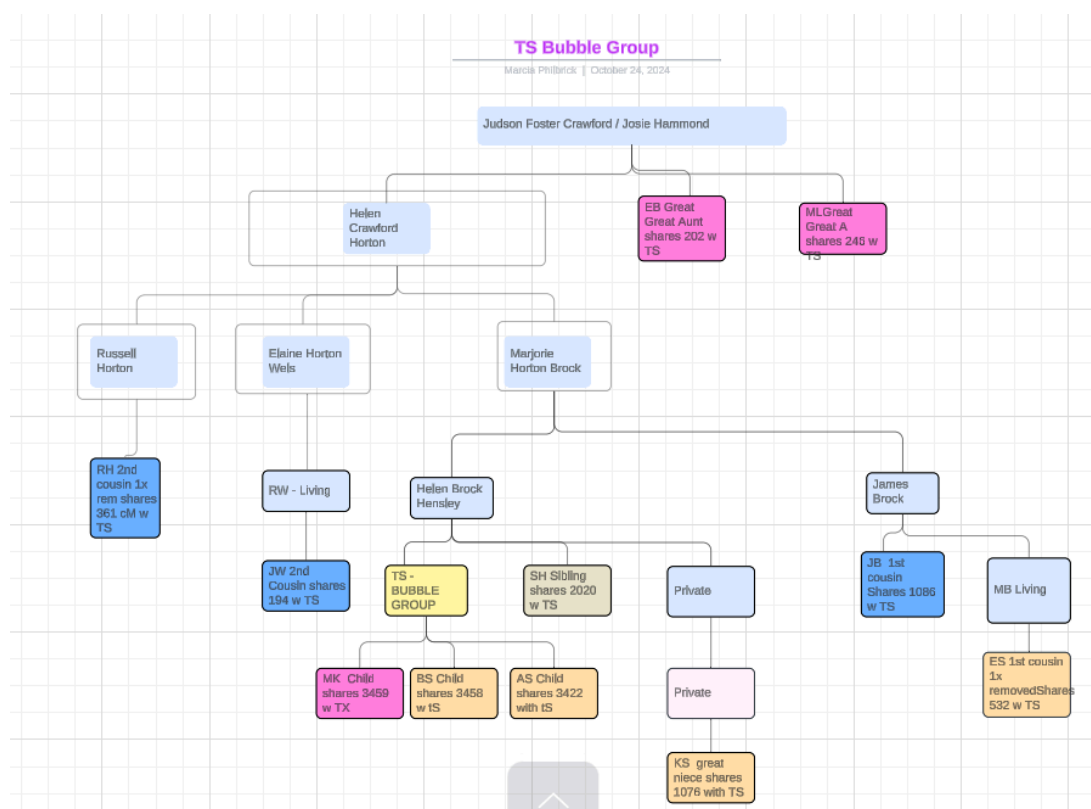
Validating Family History

Has someone in your family compiled a history of the descendants of one of your great-grandparents? Are you a part of it?

I was fortunate to receive such a family history from my grandmother—a list of descendants of Judson and Josie Crawford, lovingly compiled by my great-aunt, Gladys Crawford. Below is a diagram of a portion of that family tree.



Through a [Your DNA Guide](https://www.yourdnaguide.com/) See <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>. class on using shared DNA matches, I learned how to create a genetic network from a [bubble group](#) See page ..



As I worked through building this network, I discovered that it aligned beautifully with the Crawford family history documented by my great-aunt. In the diagram of the family history, those highlighted in bright yellow appear on my DNA match list, and most of these individuals are also part of the bubble group.

Thanks to this genetic network, I now have DNA-based confirmation of the Crawford family history!

Henry Duggins Biography

Have you explored county histories in your genealogy research? If not, Linda Stufflebean's post, [County Histories and Genealogy Research](https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2020/01/county-histories-genealogy-research/) See <https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2020/01/county-histories-genealogy-research/>, is a must-read. She not only highlights the value of these resources but has also compiled an index of digitized county histories, including an extensive collection for [Ohio](https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2021/08/ohio-links-to-digitized-county-histories/) See <https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2021/08/ohio-links-to-digitized-county-histories/>.

When I first began researching my family history, county histories were invaluable. As a result, many of my early citations reference these books, like the biography of Henry Duggins in the [1881 History of Preble County, Ohio](https://archive.org/details/oh-preble-1881-williams/page/n3/mode/2up) See <https://archive.org/details/oh-preble-1881-williams/page/n3/mode/2up>. Now, with many of these histories digitized, I can easily revisit them to update my citations, add images, and include transcriptions, bringing my research to life with original sources.

Henry Duggins was born in 1787, and in 1806 he moved to Ohio. In 1811 he married Jane Sellers, born in 1781. He first settled in Gasper township, and afterwards came to Washington township, where he settled in 1811, the same year as his marriage. His brother, William A., came to Ohio in the same year that he did. Mr. Henry Duggins had six children—Cornelius V., John F., Nathan, William, W. P., and Caroline (Miller), who lives in Eaton. The first four of these are deceased. Cornelius V. was born in Preble county in 1812. In 1834 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry M. Monfort, of Eaton, born in 1814. Five children were born to them, four of whom are still living. Mr. Duggins died in 1849 on the old homestead where his wife now resides. He left a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres. During his lifetime he had a printing office in Eaton, where the *Register* office is now located. His son, John F., was in the war, in the Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and while in Florida was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville, where he stayed for six months. W. P. Duggins was born in 1820, and in 1844 married Mary, daughter of Alexander Lugar, born about 1826. He has nine children. His farm contains about sixty-five acres.

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Friday Find

Juanita Mentzer Obituary

OBITUARY

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Campbell Funeral Home of Yates Center, KS, has care of the funeral services and burial in Yates Center, KS. A memorial service to honor and celebrate her life will be held at a later date at the First Congregational Church of Haddam. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Haddam, 905 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT 06438, Middlesex Health Care Center, Resident Fund, 100 Randolph Rd., Middletown, CT 06457 or Woodson County Foundation Fund, PO Box 160, Yates Center, KS 66783.

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War News

World War I

WAR NEWS

Main street streams with the National Colors. Every place of business is showing the Stars and Stripes. Many are decorating their cars with flags. It cannot be said that people here are at a high pitch of war spirit, yet on every hand there is a disposition to see the thing through and a calm disposition to stand by the government in its hour of peril. Many a mother and father are considering and debating the sending of the boys to enlist and there are few instances where parental objections will keep the young men at home. Sentiment is sharply divided on the question of fitting out an expeditionary force. If the war continues indefinitely that will be a likely result. Some seem to think that the government has entered into a quasi-belligerency—a sort of receptive warfare. It is to be hoped that Providence may spare us sending the boys to the trenches. In the meantime it will be well for us to prepare our minds for just such a contingency.

Ed. Wellborn the west barber shop and Luzerne Harvey of Carey's restaurant are members of the National Guard and probably before this is in print will receive their call to the colors. Mr. Wellborn is a newly married man and may be entitled to privileges, though that is hardly likely.

Mrs. Amos Smith left Saturday morning for Abilene to visit with her brother, Ames before he enlists. Ames has been studying banking in New York City with a view to fitting himself for banking work in South America. He writes that all of his associates are enlisting and that he cannot think of being a slacker.

With the prospects of war many thrifty Seneca people have laid in a big supply of flour. One Third Ward housewife has ten or twelve sacks stored away. Levick's Grocery sold out early Friday and other stores were compelled to turn down orders. Flour is selling at \$3.00 per sack when this is written. Many look for wheat to go up to \$3.00 a bushel before the new crop comes in. Every person with whom we have talked in Seneca is in favor of government control of food prices if the upward trend continues. That is likely to be the logical result. Farmers here are feeling good over the prospects for wheat this week. Wheat here has been in bad shape for want of rain. Many fields are spotted with the prospect of half a crop or less. Not many of these fields will be plowed up if there is any prospect of getting anything like a crop.

Daniel B. Honeyman, son of Mrs. Mary Honeyman of Seneca, who has been working as a lineman for several weeks past, enlisted in St. Joseph the other day. Out of the seven boys who went down from Hiawatha three were accepted, including Dan.

Loren Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Simon of Seneca will probably enlist. Loren said Sunday while here on a visit to his folks that he had about determined to enlist. He said that he had been trying to induce some of his friends to go with him and that Herbert Jordan might go with him. Loren went down to Topeka Monday to look it over, as he put it.

Forman DeForrest came up from Kansas City last Saturday noon and visited his parents until Monday morning. Forman expects to be called back to his regiment any day, and came home while he had the chance. —Wetmore Spectator.

Captain Louis Miller of Sabetha who was with the Company K, 22nd Kansas in the Spanish-American war has offered his services in case they are needed.

Clarence Durst, son of the editor of the Sabetha Star has joined the Navy.

Harry Myers who is a member of the battery of the Third Regiment was home from Kansas City a few days. He joined January 28th and expects to see service on the border, the Philippines or Panama. The destination of the National Guard now leaving Kansas City is not published.

Robert Iles went to Hiawatha Monday afternoon to take an examination for admission to the National Guard.

Ed. Ochse and Carl Iles went to Lawrence Tuesday morning to join the National Guard. Carl is a senior in the high school and will receive his high school credits and diploma.

Old Glory now waves over the Seneca Brick and Tile Yard. All the boys that work out there went in together and bought a big 8×10 flag and will put it up Tuesday the 6th on a 20-foot pole. All the boys seem proud to have Old Glory waving over their heads while they work.

Our wars have always resulted in heavy bond issues. The President was right in his desire to raise as much of the huge sums as possible by taxation. And that society down at Topeka the other day, that favored taxing to the full, exempt incomes over \$5,000 was right too. The average family will furnish the blood and brawn. Let the moneyed family furnish the capital. In other words, let capital “bleed” too.

Loren Simon went down to Topeka Monday morning to enlist in a hospital corps under a doctor who served in the Spanish-American war. Loren was disappointed for the Doctor had more recruits than he could use when Loren arrived. He will wait and may enlist in some other department. Roger Murphy has two boys in this corps.

Clayton Simon of Goff has written in for authority to recruit a Nemaha county company. It would be fine if the boys from Nemaha county who are thinking of enlisting could go as a unit.

Uncle Dick McCliman received a batch of dodgers Monday which he tacked up over town. They call for 800 men from Kansas and Missouri for the navy. A streamer in the post office lobby calls for naval gunners “to shoot U-boats on sight.” Despite the fact that the Navy offers opportunities for greater variety of experiences and adventures the recruits from this section for the greater part are joining the army.

Dr. Carter may seek enlistment in the medical staff. The Doctor placed his services at the disposal of the Government nearly two years ago. He will take the matter up with the medical staff again.

Joe Boeckman, who has been working for F. J. Holthaus, made application to Postmaster McCliman for enlistment in the navy. Jake Krotinger will very likely offer his services to the government in the line of his trade as a baker. The army and navy have great need of skilled craftsmen.

Austria has broken off diplomatic relations with America. Bulgaria and Turkey are expected to follow suit.

The Wetmore band under the leadership of R. C. Landers of this city gave an hour's concert at their home town Loyalty day. The band of twenty pieces played “The Star Spangled Banner” as the flag was raised.

Courier Democrat (Seneca, KS) 12 April 1917



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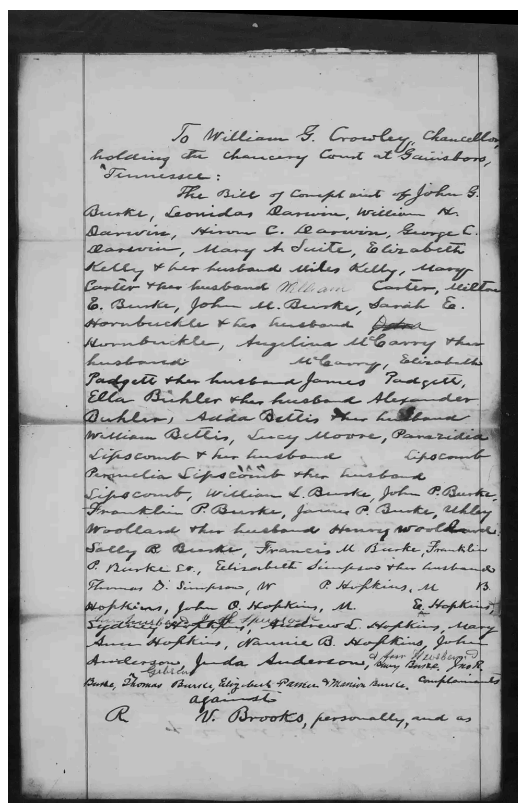
1) Today's challenge is to "Share something you learned from a probate file or will that you wouldn't have otherwise known about."

I agree with Randy Seavers of Genao-Musings. This is hard! Thanks, however, for the challenge!

One of the first probate case files that I found was for Lewis Crandall of Van Buren County, Iowa. These court documents helped me identify the children of Lewis and Almira Crandall. [[Crandall Probate](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/04/26/crandall-probate/)See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/04/26/crandall-probate/>.]

An 1877 land record and court filings in Platte County Missouri involving Guilford Hornbukle and his wife Sarah helped me establish a death date for Sarah's mother, Elizabeth Burke. [[Death Date](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/09/26/death-date/)See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2022/09/26/death-date/>.]

However, the 1884 court record invojving the estate of John Burke identifies the children of Henry Burke of Platte County, Missouri as the hiers of John Burke. This document identifies many of the grandchildren of John Burke. [[Burke Court Record](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/12/21/burke-court-record/)See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/12/21/burke-court-record/>.]



In Memorium

Have you ever thought about who first taught you how to use a pedigree chart or a family group sheet? While my grandmother asked the question that started my genealogy journey, it was my mother-in-law, JoAnne Philbrick, who helped me get started.



It was likely the summer of 1977 or 1978, when I traveled to my in-laws in Phillipsburg after having visited my grandmother. Knowing that my mother-in-law was actively researching her family, I asked her how to get started. JoAnne patiently showed me how to create a pedigree chart and gave me a blank chart along with a black family group sheet. She also introduced me to Everton's Genealogical Helper and suggested I purchase Val Greenwood's book, *The Researcher's Guide to Genealogy*.

Not only did that start my genealogy journey, but it also started my husband's genealogy journey. During a family vacation to Salt Lake City, my husband 'revolted' and insisted that he was going to research his own family instead of helping me research mine. Thus, he took over what I had on his family.

Today, my husband and I are in Phillipsburg, Kansas to celebrate the life of his mother, Tresa JoAnne Strohmeier Philbrick Miller.

As the family historian, my husband compiled an obituary for his mother. Since he had heard me talk about the ways in which I utilize ChatGPT, he asked me to help him use ChatGPT with the obituary. The prompt was simple: "Can you improve on the following obituary without glorifying the information" followed by the obituary my husband had written.

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Tresa Joanne Strohmeier Philbrick Miller

May 8, 1935 – November 12, 2024

Tresa Joanne Strohmeier, known throughout her life as “Joanne,” passed away on November 12, 2024, at the Phillips County Retirement Center in Phillipsburg, Kansas. She was born on May 8, 1935, in Farmington Township, Rooks County, Kansas, the only child of Nicholas James and Ilah Leona (Griffith) Strohmeier. Joanne’s parents later divorced, and she was raised primarily by her mother and maternal grandparents, Franklin and Ellen (Jerby) Griffith.

Joanne spent much of her childhood on her grandparents’ farm in Rooks County, where she developed a strong sense of family and community. Her early education began in country schools, where her mother taught. During World War II, Joanne moved with her mother to Stockton, Kansas, and attended Stockton Public Schools. It was also during this time that the Griffith family held annual reunions in Stockton, with Joanne often helping to care for her younger cousins as the oldest.

In the late 1940s, Joanne’s family relocated to Kensington, Kansas, where she was enrolled in the local school system. It was here she met Donald Dean Philbrick, the nephew of her Aunt Mae McLaughlin’s neighbor. Joanne and Donald were married on March 30, 1952, at the Methodist parsonage in Osborne, Kansas, while Joanne was still in high school. She graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1953.

After marriage, Joanne and Donald started their family in Kensington before moving to Phillipsburg in 1956, where they would make their home. Joanne became a widow in 1985, after Donald’s passing. She spent her later years in Phillipsburg, where she moved eight times within the city before settling at the Phillips County Retirement Center in 2021.

Joanne was deeply involved in her community and church. In Kensington, she was a member of the Women’s Society of Christian Service, and in Phillipsburg, she joined several local organizations, including the Phillips County Genealogical Society, where she served in various roles, including president. She was instrumental in the formation of the Quad County Singles Club in the late 1980s or early 1990s. Joanne’s interests in genealogy led her to connect with long-lost relatives on her father’s side, providing her with answers to many family mysteries and forming new bonds.

In 1992, Joanne married James I. “Jim” Miller, a retired government surveyor who had recently moved back to Phillips County. Together, they enjoyed traveling to places Jim had surveyed, including Washington, Oregon, and various destinations across the U.S. Joanne also enjoyed visiting thrift stores and attending auctions, always on the lookout for a treasure or collectible.

Joanne worked in various jobs throughout her life, including as a clerk at J.C. Penney and as an account clerk for Kansas-Nebraska Energy, where she retired in 1992. In her retirement, she helped Jim with his surveying business and assisted with bringing the company into the digital age.

Joanne was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a regular and enthusiastic supporter of her children’s and later, her grandchildren’s sports activities. For over 30 years, she could be found cheering from the sidelines of football games, basketball courts, and track events. Her love for her family was unwavering, and she took great joy in watching the next generation grow.

Joanne was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Philbrick; second husband, James Miller; her mother, Ilah Suhr; stepfather, Gilbert Suhr; and her father, Nicholas Strohmeier.

She is survived by her children: Michael Philbrick and wife Marcia of Seneca, Kansas; Eugene Philbrick and wife Vickie of Wichita, Kansas; Gregg Philbrick and wife Susan of Sugar Land, Texas; and Stacey Moon and husband Darin of Phillipsburg, Kansas. She is also survived by four

grandsons, Jason, Eric, Ryan, and Nathan; two granddaughters, Ashley and Anne; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Joanne will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, Kansas, with Pastor Darlene Sheffer officiating and Pastor Anne Williams assisting. The service will be livestreamed on the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel Facebook page. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Phillipsburg.

Joanne will lie in state at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Phillips County Retirement Center or the Phillips County Genealogical Society.

The original obituary as written by my husband:

Mom's Obit

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After WWII, Gilbert Walter Suhr and Joanne's mother Ilah married and Gib became her stepfather. It was during subsequent years when she was visiting her Aunt Mae McLaughlin in Glade, Kansas, that she met Mae's neighbor's nephew, Donald Dean Philbrick. Gib took a job offer that moved the family to Kensington around January 1949. Joanne was less than thrilled to be moving as an 8th grader to a new town where she knew no one. She learned on arriving in Kensington that Donald was student in the Kensington school system. Joanne graduated as a member of 8th grade class in 1949. She continued her education at Kensington High School.

During high school, this Kensington Goldbug was a cheerleader, member of the band playing the saxophone, football attendant, Kayette member and . Out of school activities included Busy Bee 4H club attending Rock Springs 4H camp near Junction City in 1950. While still in high school, she and Donald were married on 30 Mar 1952 at the Methodist parsonage in Osborne, Kansas. She continued her education becoming the 1953 class valedictorian in May.

Joanne and Donald started their family in Kensington, but about October 1956 moved to Phillipsburg for the remainder of her life. She became a widow in 1985 when Donald passed. She had lived in eight residences around town before moving to the Phillips County Retirement Center during the 2021 fall.

While living in Kensington, she was a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service and for a time being secretary. After moving to Phillipsburg, she belonged to many organizations. In the 1960s she was a member of the Kansas Federation of Womens Clubs called Mother's Club of Phillipsburg. It is believed she was a charter member of the Phillips County Genealogical Society dedicating time and energy com in the genealogy room in the Phillipsburg Library. She served in many roles within this organization including the office of president. Being single, in the late 1980s or early 1990s, she was instrumental in the formation of the Quad County Singles Club. A single,

retired government surveyor moved back home to Phillips County. His name was James I “Jim” Miller. He attended a single club event and met Joanne. A relationship developed and on 27 Nov 1992, Joanne and James were married in the Williams Chapel at the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church. In this timeline, she also was a member of the Charmé Club. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and participated in the United Methodist Womens group.

Once her children reached sports participation age in the early 1960s, she was an avid attendee and supporter of her children for approximately twenty five years. About 25 years later, she began following her grandsons’ sports competitions for over another 10 years.

In the 1970s, she found time to take up the hobby of genealogy for both her family and her husband Donald’s family. By the 1990s she was focusing on learning about her Strohmeier as she never met her biological father. She connected with her Strohmeier relatives and eventually met some uncles, aunts and cousins. These interactions provided answers to some long time questions and new friendships.

In the Phillipsburg business world, she held odd jobs such as cleaning the Masonic Temple, and then full-time employment clerking at the JC Penney store. She made a career move to account clerking with Kansas-Nebraska Energy. She retired from KN Energy in 1992.

In retirement, she convinced Jim to start a surveying business and helped move it into the computer age. She was his helper on many projects. Jim was adventurous so he took Joanne to see places he had surveyed such as Washington and Oregon. They took vacations to attractions in Florida, New York, Texas, and of course, Branson, Missouri. She enjoyed visiting thrift stores hoping to find a treasure and attending auctions hoping to bring home a collectible.

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War News

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Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 10 Jul 1941

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Documenting DNA

Have you used your DNA matches as a source to support your ancestry? While I haven't documented all of my 'common ancestor' matches, I have tried to document the genetic aspect of my tree. (See [RM8 Documenting DNA](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/10/27/rm8-documenting-dna/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2021/10/27/rm8-documenting-dna/>.) While this information is in my RootsMagic file, it is private and thus not shared on my tree.

As I was working thru YourDNA Guide's Shared Matches of Matches course, I had created a genetic network. Since that genetic network supports my tree, I wondered if there was a way to use this network as documentation on a public tree while protecting the privacy of my matches. So I asked about this in my course.



Marcia Crawford Philbrick 2w ...



Is there a way to use a genetic network as a 'source' on a public tree? (I am using DNA match data as a PRIVATE source in my computer file.)



2w



This is not quite citing a network but there are ways you can cite relationships to matches since they support the genetic connection between you and that ancestor.

Here is how to do this on WikiTree if that is of any interest. You can see the [DNA section of this profile of my ancestor, Sarah Jane \(Ellis\) Davis](#) for an example. It is called "confirmation" on WikiTree. I would be more comfortable with different wording, but I can live with it. There is an [entire help page on how to do DNA confirmation on WikiTree](#) that includes how to cite it. There is also a very neat [WikiTree app that walks you through DNA confirmation citation](#). Here's an example of what that [citation looks like in the profile of my 2x great-grandmother, Sarah \(Smiley\) Greer](#).

The WikiTree [Help: DNA Confirmation](#) page provides step by step directions on whether DNA can be used as a source and if so, how to cite the DNA results. Following these guidelines, I would have quite a few DNA matches that I could use to provide genetic evidence for my portion of the tree.

To create my first citation, I used the [DNA Citation Maker App](#) See <https://apps.wikitree.com/apps/clarke11007/DNAconf.php>. Since my match is not on WikiTree and is living, I privatized their name as PrivateB.

STEP 1: Who has taken the DNA tests ?

YOUR WIKITREE ID:

Crawford-19511

(e.g. Marcoux-336)

☒ DNA test taker # 1 is Crawford-19511

☐ DNA test taker # 1 is a child of Crawford-19511

☐ DNA test taker # 1 is a grandchild of Crawford-19511

OTHER DNA TEST TAKER:

PrivateB

(WikiTree ID if possible; otherwise use Name, Alias or Initials for privacy)

In the next step, I enter the sex of my match.

Go back to: [Step 0 Menu](#) [Step 1 Testers](#)

STEP 1g: Specify gender for DNA test takers

Marcia Philbrick:
Female

PrivateB:
☐ Male ☒ Female

NEXT

I then indicated which generation we share in common and selected our common ancestor.

STEP 2: Who is your common ancestor ?

The common ancestor(s) that **Marcia** and **PrivateB** share is/are
Marcia's :

1. Great Grandparent(s)



2. Josie Hammond



I then indicated how my match (PrivateB) is related to Josie Hammond.

STEP 3: How is the other DNA Test Taker related ?

The common ancestor, **Josie Hammond**, is
the great grandmother of Marcia.

If the common ancestor needs to be changed, please [return to Step 2](#).

How is Josie Hammond related to PrivateB ?

Josie Hammond is
PrivateB's :

Grandmother

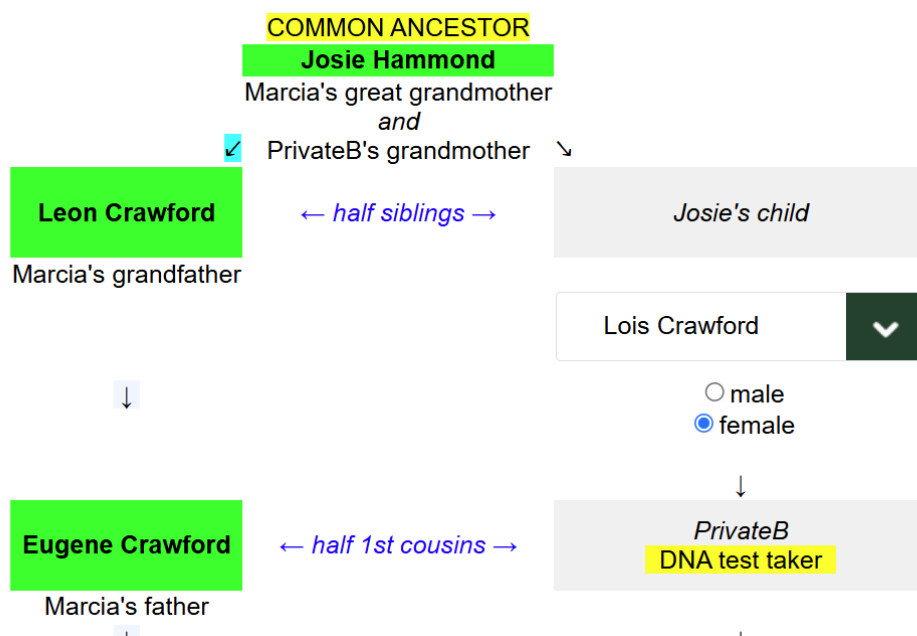


and PrivateB is the grandchild of Josie Hammond

The app uses this information to build a mini tree. On that tree, I selected my match's mother and entered here sex.

STEP 4: Is this mini tree right ?

Identify the gender (*if known*) of each ancestor in the tree, then click NEXT below.



To check the data, the app asks me to verify the relationship, the source of the DNA and whether the DNA predicted relationship supports the traditional genealogy.

STEP 5: Are you sure about this ?

Have you confirmed your relationship to your match through traditional genealogy or family history?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Has this DNA Match been provided by a DNA testing company or a third-party test comparison site such as GEDmatch ?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Does the DNA-predicted relationship correspond with the known relationship from traditional genealogy ?

☐ YES ☐ NO

The next step asks for the testing company and the DNA results. Thus, I refer back to Ancestry to obtain those results and then enter the information into the



You and [Name]



1st cousin 1x removed | Paternal side

5% shared DNA: 371 cM across 13 segments

[View in tree](#)[Message](#)[Edit Relationship](#)

STEP 6: What are the details of your autosomal DNA match ?

NAME of DNA testing company / database:

Ancestry



AMOUNT of Match :

371

cM (centiMorgans)

of Segments:


13

Relationship predicted by DNA testing company :

1st Cousin 1x removed

Then the app provides detailed instructions for adding the DNA confirmation to the Wikitree profile and include a citation that can be copied into the profile.

STEP 7: Here are the instructions to add the DNA confirmation and your properly sourced citation for this DNA confirmation:

[Customize Citations](#) 

ADD the DNA Confirmation for JUDSON CRAWFORD & JOSIE HAMMOND:

On WikiTree, the DNA Confirmation is done via the relationship status level, which is set from the **child's** edit page.

- Go to [Leon Crawford's](#) **Edit** page.
- MARK the relationship from **Leon Crawford** (Crawford-8396) to **Judson Crawford** (Crawford-8397) & **Josie Hammond** (Hammond-3777) as **confirmed with DNA** in the **Edit Family** column.



ADD the SOURCE CITATION for COMMON ANCESTOR:

- Add this source citation in the **== Sources ==** section of Leon Crawford's profile (*to explain how you made the DNA-confirmed conclusion*).

* Paternal and Maternal relationships are both confirmed based on an autosomal {{AncestryDNA}} test match between [[Crawford-19511|Marcia Crawford]] and PrivateB (child of [[Crawford-8400|Lois Crawford]]), her [https://www.wikitree.com/index.php?title=Special:Relationship&action=calculate&person1Name=Crawford-19511&person2Name=Crawford-8400 1st cousin 1x removed]. Their most-recent common ancestors are [[Crawford-8397|Judson Crawford]] and [[Hammond-3777|Josie Hammond]], the great grandmother of [[Crawford-19511|Marcia Crawford]] and grandmother of PrivateB. Predicted relationship from AncestryDNA: 1st Cousin 1x removed, based on sharing 371 cM across 13 segments.

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Thus, I have used DNA evidence to support my relationship to Josie Hammond and her husband Judson Crawford.

DNA

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 - Citation generated by DNA Confirmation app, version 3.02 (updated 25.Sep.2024) - [Crawford-19511](#) 15:54, 30 October 2024 (UTC)

Now, I just need to repeat the process with my other close cousin matches to use genetic information to document my ancestry.

John Duggins Biography

Have you ever thought about the wealth of information a single biography in a county history can hold? While revisiting my Duggins research, I found a biography of John F. Duggins in the [1915 Lowry History of Preble County](https://archive.org/details/oh-preble-1915-lowry). See <https://archive.org/details/oh-preble-1915-lowry>. Curious about my previous work, I checked RootsMagic to review how I'd cited this detailed biography.

To my surprise, my source list showed two different references to the book.

Sources		Edit Source	
Source	Citations	Master Source - Book-OH Preble History by Lowry c1915 Archive.org EE	
Book Miami Valley Cemetery Records by Brien Butler, Greene, Preble Counties FamilySearch EE	1 >	Source Type	EE Book, General Author(s) known on web
Book-OH Preble County History c1881 Archive.org EE	27 >	Source Name	Book-OH Preble History by Lowry c1915 Archive.org EE
Book-OH Preble History by Lowry c1915 Archive.org EE	2 >	Author	Lowry, R. E.
Cem-OH Preble by Brubaker	3 >	Role	(optional) role of the author, only if applicable
Census-1820 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	16 >	Title	History of Preble County, Ohio
Census-1830 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	11 >	Sub-title	sub-title for the book, if applicable
Census-1840 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	6 >	Supplemental Author	name of supplemental author
Census-1850 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	23 >	Supplemental Role	role of the supplemental author
Census-1860 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	11 >	Edition	the edition of the book used
Census-1870 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	11 >	Publish Place	Indianapolis, Indiana
Census-1870 OH Preble Co Book	5 >	Publisher	B. F. Bowen & Company, Inc.
Census-1880 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	9 >	Publish Date	1915
Census-1900 OH Preble County Ancestry.com EE	6 >	Site	Archive.org
Census-1910 OH Preble County Ancestry EE	7 >	URL	www.archive.org
Census-1920 OH Preble County Ancestry.com	5 >	Format	digital copy
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Death-OH Preble	1 >		
Genealogy-OH Preble Express EE	1 >		
History-OH Preble 1992	1 >		

Upon closer inspection, I realized I'd cited two separate biographies from the same source: one for Elmer Duggins and another for John Duggins, with the latter referenced 44 times.

Citations: Book-OH Preble History by Lowry c1915 Archive.org EE		Edit Citation	
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When I clicked on "Citations Used," a new window displayed all the instances where I had utilized this source in my file, giving me an organized view of its impact on my research.

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Date	Type	Name
	Name	Barnet, Celia-473
	Person	Barnet, William-6170
	Death	Barnet, William-6170
22 May 1860	Marriage	Barnet, William-6170 and Duggins, Celia-473
1824	Birth	Duggins, Caroline G.-469
about 1910	Residence	Duggins, Catherine J.-484
about 1910	Residence	Duggins, Celia-473
17 March 18	Birth	Duggins, Cornelius V.-483
17 November	Death	Duggins, Cornelius V.-483
21 November	Death	Duggins, Elizabeth A.-467
13 May 1847	Birth	Duggins, Elizabeth A.-467
22 December	Birth	Duggins, Henry-481
16 May 1811	Marriage	Duggins, Henry-481 and Sellers, Jane-480
May 1864	Military	Duggins, John F.-351
? May 1863	Military	Duggins, John F.-351
	Member	Duggins, John F.-351
13 January 1	Military	Duggins, John F.-351
	Owner	Duggins, John F.-351
28 July 1842	Birth	Duggins, John F.-351
between 19	Military	Duggins, John F.-351
30 October 1	Military	Duggins, John F.-351
18 November	Marriage	Duggins, John F.-351 and Greer, Anna-489
1814	Birth	Duggins, John F.-488
25 August 11	Birth	Duggins, Nathan S.-478
1840	Birth	Duggins, Nathan-471
13 May 1820	Birth	Duggins, Washington P.-479
21 August 11	Birth	Duggins, William A.-487
1850	Birth	Greer, Anna-489
	Person	Greer, James-6174
1849	Death	Kervines, Miss ____-6173
	Person	Kervines, Miss ____-6173
after 1821	Name	Monfort, Catherine-6173
1 November	Death	Monfort, Elizabeth 474

Below is a transcription of the John F Duggins biography found in the 1915 Lowry History of Preble County, Ohio

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JOHN F. DUGGINS.

A career marked by earnest and indefatigable application has been that of John F. Duggins, a substantial and honored citizen of Washington township, Preble county, Ohio, where he has maintained a residence for many years, during all of which time his life has been an open book to be read by his neighbors and friends. He was a valiant soldier of the Civil War, where his fidelity was of the same type as that which has characterized his actions in all the public and private relations of life. This conduct has gained for him the confidence and esteem of the public, and the unbounded respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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John F. Duggins was born in Eaton, Ohio, July 28, 1842, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Monfort) Duggins. Cornelius Duggins was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 17, 1812, a son of Henry Duggins, who was born in Virginia, on the river Dam, in 1788. Henry Duggins was a son of Alexander Duggins, who also was a native of Virginia, and who lived in that state all his life.

Henry Duggins emigrated from Kentucky to Ohio in 1806, and located in Gasper township, this county, where he was married to Jane Sellers, to which union six children were born: Cornelius, born in 1812; John, born in 1814; Nathan, born in 1816; William, born in 1818; Washington, born in 1820, and Caroline, born in 1824. Jane Sellers was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, August 6, 1782, a daughter of Nathan Sellers, and was one of eleven children, ten daughters and one son: Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Sallie, Peggy, Ailsy, Nancy, Nellie, Rebecca and Nathan.

Cornelius Duggins was born on March 17, 1812, on the farm in Gasper township, two miles south of Eaton, where John F. lived so many years, and grew up there and married. Later he went to

Newcastle, Indiana, where his death occurred on November 17, 1849. His widow survived him many years, her death not occurring until November 4, 1895. They were the parents of five children: Catherine, unmarried, who lives in Eaton; Celia, the widow of William Barnet, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nathan, deceased, who was born in 1840; John F., with whom this narrative deals, and Elizabeth (deceased), who was born in 1842 and died in 1873. Elizabeth (Monfort) Duggins, the mother of these children, was born in Warren county, Ohio, April 7, 1814, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Monfort) Monfort, who were cousins, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Warren county, this state, who came to Preble county in the year 1815, locating at Eaton, where Henry Monfort conducted a hotel for many years. Henry Monfort was twice married. His first wife, dying in 1821, he married, secondly, a Miss Kervines. Both he and his wife died in 1849, victims of the cholera scourge of that year.

John F. Duggins, the fourth child born to his parents, was reared on the paternal farm near Eaton and received his education in the little old log school house which served his neighborhood in the days of his youth. He enlisted for service in the Union army on October 30, 1861, in Company C, Seventy-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Harris, and served three years and three months, receiving his discharge on January 13, 1865. Mr. Duggins took part in the battles of McDowell, Chancellorsville, Bull Run and Cross Keys. He was taken a prisoner at

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Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863, and was held for six weeks before being exchanged. He was captured again near Lake George, Florida, and was in prison from May 19 to November 26, 1864. He returned to Preble county after the close of the war, and resumed his work on the farm.

On November 18, 1888, at Eaton, Mr. Duggins was married to Anna Greer, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, a daughter of James Greer. Mr. and Mrs. Duggins have no children.

Mr. Duggins is an adherent of the Republican party, but has not been active in political affairs, preferring rather to devote his attention to his agricultural interests. He is the owner of one hundred and thirty-four acres of fertile land, on which he carries on a diversified system of farming, with a very gratifying degree of success. Mr. Duggins is a man of wonderful memory and acquainted with much of the early history of Eaton and Preble county, and is highly respected and honored in the community in which he lives, very properly ranking as one of the most substantial citizens of the county.

Friday Finds

George Mentzer's Obituary

Friday, Jan. 26, 1912

Obituary

Mentzer

George Mentzer was born in Stowe, Mass., June 12, 1838, and died at his home near Yates Center, Woodson Co., Kansas, on Jan. 19, 1912, of paralysis, aged 73 years, 7 months and 7 days.

He enlisted in Co. C 24th Massachusetts regiment on Sept. 25, 1861, and served three years, until discharged on Sept. 28, 1864.

After the Civil War he moved to Kewanee, Ill, where he was married to Emeline Minnick, Jan. 1, 1867. To this union were born eight children, one, Susie May Tunnicliff, preceded him to the better land on Jan., 8, 1909, besides his wife he leaves to mourn his loss, Mrs. Clara E. William; Charles O., Fred J., Henry A., Phillip E., Ernest E., and Clarence A. Mentzer, and 22 grandchildren.

Mr. Mentzer joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1866 at Kewanee, Ill.

In 1871 he moved to Kansas, settling on the farm where he died.

Mr. Mentzer was well and favorably known throughout Woodson County. He has lived among us for more than 50 years and was known to us as a faithful Christian gentleman. His dealings with men were characterized by honesty and he governed his conduct with men by the high standard of moral rectitude.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. Funeral services were held at the family home Monday morning by Rev. W. L. French. Interment in the Yates Center Cemetery.

A precious one from us has gone;

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

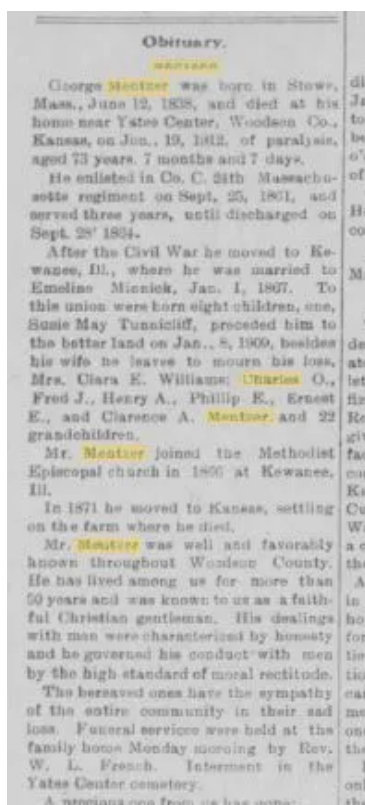
God in his wisdom has recalled

The boon his love had given

And though the body slumbers in the grave,

His soul is safe in Heaven.

"Obituary – Mentzer," The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 26 January 1912, image 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online August 2018).



George Mentzer's Death Certificate

Place of Death: Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas

RR #2, Yates Center

Full Name: George Mentzer

male

white

married

date of birth: June 12, 1838

age 73 yrs 7 mos 6 da

farmer

stock farmer

birthplace: Mass

date of death: Jan 19 1912

Burial: Yates Center

Date of Burial Jan 22 1912

undertaker: S. Johnson, Yates Center

Fagher name: don't know

father birthplace: German

Mother name: don't know

mother birthplace: Germany

Informant: Bert Mentzer, Yates Center

PLACE OF DEATH.		STATE OF KANSAS. 104 40	
County <u>Woodson</u>		STATE BOARD OF HEALTH-DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS.	
Township <u>Center</u>		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.	
City <u>Yates Center</u> No. <u>R.R.#2</u> street, _____ Ward _____		Registered No. <u>24</u>	
FULL NAME <u>George Wentzger</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the NAME of the institution, street and number.)	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.			
Sex. <u>males</u>	Color or Race. <u>white</u>	Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced. (Write the word.) <u>M</u>	
Date of Birth. <u>June 12-1898</u>	(Month) (Day) (Year)		
Age. <u>73</u> yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>6</u> ds.	IF LIVED from 1 day to 12 mos. <u>12</u> mos. <u>6</u> ds.		
Occupation.			
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>farmer</u>			
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer). <u>stock farming</u>			
Birthplace. (State or country). <u>Mass.</u>			
Parents.	10 Name of Father. <u>don't know</u>		
	11 Birthplace of Father. (State or country). <u>Germany</u>		
	12 Maiden name of Mother. <u>don't know</u>		
	13 Birthplace of Mother. (State or country). <u>Germany</u>		
14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge.			
(Informant) <u>Bert Menter</u>			
(Address) <u>Yates Center</u>			
15 Date of Death. <u>Jan 19 1912</u>			
16 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb 12</u> 1912, to <u>Jan 19</u> 1912, that I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>Jan 18</u> 1912, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8</u> M.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: <u>Cerebral arterio-sclerosis</u>			
(Duration) <u>3</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
Contributory (Secondary). <u>fell from Hay wagon</u>			
(Signed) <u>E. K. Kellenburger</u> M. D.			
(Address) <u>Yates Center</u>			
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if death from VIOLENCE CAUSE, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDE, or HOMICIDE.			
17 Length of Residence (For hospitals, institutions, transients, or recent residents).			
At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?			
Former or usual residence _____			
18 Place of Burial or Removal. <u>Yates Center</u>		Date of Burial. <u>Jan 22 1912</u>	
19 Undertaker. <u>S. Johnson</u>		Address. <u>Yates Center</u>	
20 Signature. <u>J. R. Wallace</u>			
Register.			

War News

Send Off

(narrative written by ChatGPT using 3 May 1917 newspaper account)

In April 1917, Seneca, Kansas, hosted a momentous and deeply emotional gathering to honor young local men preparing to depart for military service in World War I. The event, held in the packed courtroom, united hundreds of townspeople in an outpouring of patriotism not seen since the Spanish-American War. Families, friends, veterans, and community leaders gathered to bid farewell to over forty recruits, several of whom were leaving the next day for assignments with the Coast Artillery Service.

The program began with a stirring march of Civil War veterans to the front of the room, where they saluted the flag. These aging heroes symbolically passed the torch to the young men of Seneca who were about to embark on their own journey into war. As the recruits marched to take their positions in the courtroom, the crowd erupted in applause, a testament to their pride and support. The scene was described as one of unparalleled inspiration, uniting the community in a shared commitment to freedom and democracy.

The evening featured speeches from prominent community members. Judge R. M. Emery praised the courage and patriotism of the recruits, emphasizing the righteousness of fighting to uphold democracy and protect free people around the world. Other speakers, including C. C. K. Scoville and V. B. Fisher, drew on their personal experiences and reflections, expressing both the gravity of the moment and the hope for a brighter future. Fisher, a twice-wounded Civil War veteran, warmly encouraged the young men, drawing parallels between their mission and his own service decades earlier.

Reverend Dr. Thayer and Superintendent R. G. Mueller spoke about the broader significance of the war, reminding the audience of their shared responsibility to uphold democratic values and support the soldiers abroad. Reverend Morton delivered a powerful address, invoking the sacrifices of past patriots and calling for unity in the fight against tyranny.

The evening was punctuated by musical performances, including a rendition of "Marching Through Georgia," and heartfelt responses from some of the young recruits. Embert Coles, Rolland Dennen, and Albert Koelzer expressed their determination to serve with honor, even as they acknowledged the uncertainties and dangers ahead.

The event encapsulated the resolve, faith, and community spirit of Seneca. As the recruits prepared to leave, they were sent off with a collective blessing of hope, gratitude, and unwavering support, embodying the town's deep commitment to its soldiers and the principles for which they were about to fight.



Transcript of article from the 3 May 1917 Courier Democrat

HONORED 'SAVIOURS' AND 'DEFENDERS'

A FERVENT LOYALTY MEETING

IN GREATEST BURST OF PATRIOTISM SINCE OUTBREAK OF SPANISH WAR SENECA PEOPLE SALUTE SOLDIER BOYS.

Seneca, Kansas, April 30th: The courtroom fell far short of sufficient room to accommodate the hundreds of Seneca people who gathered tonight to pay homage to the forty or more Seneca recruits who leave within the next few weeks for service with the American forces. In view of the fact that several members of the Coast Artillery Service leave tomorrow, (Tuesday) for Manhattan and Fort Logan, Colorado, a committee of men met earlier in the day upon invitation of Mayor Dennis and worked out a hurried program. The news that Seneca would honor its soldier boys that night spread rapidly and before the assemblage was called to order by Commander E. R. Murphy of George Graham Post, the courtroom was packed to capacity.

The storm of applause that swept over the splendid audience first broke with the march of the veterans of the Rebellion, to the front of the room where Commander Murphy ordered a salute to the Flag. The heroes of the Civil War were assigned seats in the jury box. A few minutes later two score of the Seneca recruits to the

great war marched forward and took positions within the bar on the right of the room. With the men of '61 and '65 on the one hand, our boys of '17 on the other, the band between quickening the pulse to the stirring strains of national airs, here was a scene the like of which Seneca people have never before—witnessed. It was the greatest inspiration to an insight of the love of Seneca people for a free government that this old town has ever known. It is far beyond the power of a writing man to hand to you the sympathetic word picture of the scene that its thrill merits. It was not so much the things that were said, it was not so much the playing and the singing of the country's songs—it was the magnificent determination that shone in every face to do his bit. None caught this feeling quicker than the old veterans. Small wonder that backs, bent by the weight of the passing years, straightened to "attention" and shaking hands came smartly to salute. And in all this great war through you will remember no scene so vividly as that of the close when, gray-haired Judge Larimer, that grizzled hero of some of the most terrible fighting of the Rebellion, stood before the audience waving "Old Glory" while a young recruit of our latest war performed a like function on his right.

We would like to give you all the speakers said but must confine ourselves to excerpts.

Commodore Murphy introduced the speakers in turn. The first was Judge R. M. Emery who said in substance: "Ladies and Gentlemen, Men of the G. A. R. and our Soldier Boys: "It is a pleasure to speak upon an occasion like this and I am gratified at this magnificent crowd that has gathered tonight to bid you boys God-speed as you go forth to fight your country's battles. It has been said in the east that the middle west has not

awakened to the meanings of the time. I think this audience effectually refutes that statement. Your presence on just a few hours short notice tells of the fires of patriotism that are burning in your hearts. The necessities of war are to be deplored but the greatest things in history have been accomplished by righteous wars. We are now entering upon the fiercest and most extensive war in the history of the world. To some it may seem that we are not deeply interested but when a nation assumes to control the waters of the earth, to deny its traffic to free peoples and to deny the right of any free citizen to travel thereon, this nation must receive the punishment it deserves. Our noble President has done everything that he could to avoid war, he has protested, exhorted and supplicated for our rights, yet he has been ignored, our vessels have been sunk and innocent men, women and child-

ren have lost their lives while bound upon their peaceful avocations. The President has been compelled for the sake of our honor to tell this government, that should it not desist, we can no longer treat them as a brother nation. One of the noblest things is that while some might have doubted the propriety of going to war, the Congress, Republicans and Democrats alike, have joined with the President to uphold his hands and the dignity of the United States.

“But this is a sad occasion, especially to some. The flower of our youth is called upon to go forward to maintain the dignity of our country. The hearts of our mothers will bleed for them and yet we feel proud that over two score of our young men have already enlisted. The young man who has the distinguished honor of being the first to enlist from Seneca is Harry Myers.

“And it is mete and proper that the Mayor should call us together tonight

to recognize their valor and bid them God-speed in their noble and glorious purpose. Boys, as you go forth to fight for your country if need be, remember those you love, keep a tender regard for your own city and in battle or in camp may you do your full duty and honor the community from which you go. The boys over here of the Rebellion went forth to fight their country's battles. Many fell but some returned. These were the ones who received the honor and for over a quarter of a century they dominated the political life of the country because they stood by it in its time of trial. So will you be honored upon your return."

Seneca men, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Dennen, Mr. Reichert, Dr. Grindle, Mr. L. J. and Mr. Ed. Scheier and Mr. Mathews then sang a song to the tune of Marching Through Georgia, the words composed by Mrs. T. J. Richardson of Circleville.

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+Mr. Chas. H. Herold was introduced. He said in substance: "We are gathered together flush with the pride of renewed loyalty and patriotism as we have come to bid God-speed to the boys who go from out of our citizenship to answer our country's call in this the momentous struggle of all time. Truth and frankness prompt me to say that I was not one of those enthusiastic for war. I had hoped and prayed that this crisis might pass my country by. But the President and the Congress decided otherwise and now every American is for war. This great struggle that lies before us has a great cause behind it and our President in his proclamation has said that this cause is Democracy, government for the people and by the people. And it is a cause that is well worthy to draw the sword. He has told us and we know that we shall not lay down our arms until democracy has been extended to the utter-

most confines of the world. This country, my fellow citizens, is a cosmopolitan people. It has rightly been called the melting pot. From all lands in the 140 years of our existence the people have come to our shores because we invited the oppressed of all nations. And millions of these were cradled between the waters of the Rhine and the Vistula. Many millions spring from the loins of those who have come here to better their conditions and seeking the freedom of which they had dreamed for years. History, tradition and ties of blood bind these people to those of the Central Powers. It is more than human nature to repress the feelings and sentiments of a lifetime. But knowing them as I do, myself springing from the same stock, I can assure you that in this momentous struggle you will find a no more loyal or patriotic people than those who spring from the Central Powers. They are trained from childhood in discipline and obedience and they know what they owe to their country. They will not falter and will be found true until the victory is won. And I appeal to you, my fellow citizens, to exercise a war-time charity toward those who are tied by these tender ties to the country that is now our enemy.

“Well may we do honor to the boys who leave so shortly, to respond to the highest call of citizenship. May we not hope that they will show bravery and soldierly conduct as a guarantee of the loyalty and patriotism of the community from which they come. May we express the hope that they will soon return. That when they shall return with peace restored, they may return to a world without a king and with autocracy and tyranny dead at the feet of justice, with democracy entrenched in every land, exerting its just and

beneficent rule to all the people of all the earth.”

C. C. K. Scoville: "Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen and Boys I have helped bring up. I told Mrs. Scoville before I left that I felt more like I was going to a funeral than the celebration of the beginning of a great war. There is no man who has a greater love for his country or greater patriotism than I. As I listened to these eloquent gentlemen it seemed as though my tongue was tied to the roof of my mouth. Try as I may it is not possible for me to forget for one moment that within hearing distance of the guns sleeps tonight the one who is dearer to me than all else in the world. That her heart is with the enemy of my country. It is not possible for me to forget for one moment that the one who is dearer to her is an enemy to the other son of mine who works in the shadow of the Rhode Island naval yards. I tell you friends, this is a tragedy and it is no wonder that I cannot talk. Greater than all else, dearer than everything else, is this which springs from God Almighty, Life itself. This is the first time in history that the whole world is at war and there is no peace. I am constrained to ask all of you people, what does it mean—what are we coming to? It is a time when good men stop and wonder and say, 'give us light.' It is a time when mother shall meet mother and ask, 'what of the times?' It is the greatest and blackest shadow that ever fell upon men. It is a time for men to stop and think."

V. B. Fisher, twice wounded in the Civil War, was the next speaker. Van was in his best form. He talked a little fast for the reporter to get it in long hand but here is the gist of his remarks: "I want to shake hands with all of you boys." Suiting his action to the words the old veteran shook the hand of each recruit. "I remember when I was a soldier once," he said, "and I realize how you boys feel. I helped raise all you boys."

Turning to the audience he said: "It looks like an imposition for me to talk to you after all these lawyers and bankers have addressed you. All this carries me back to that other night in '61, as a lad of eighteen when I joined the colors. I am glad for the Old Flag I helped to save. It is the pride of my life that these boys have not forgotten and have the same love for it and the same friendship as had those boys of '61. Your old comrades ought to be proud that you have lived to see this day. First I enlisted for three months. Then there was a call for three year enlistments. That looked like a long time. I thought it over. Then I up and says, 'put her down, sir, Van Buren Fisher!' I am glad today that there is north and no south—that we are all one—just Americans. I believe that this war will bring on great reform. I believe the Almighty has a hand in it. I believe that great things will be revived in the hearts of the people. God bless you boys, there will be many a tear shed over your leaving. Many a pillow will be wet with a mother's tears. You mothers, write to your boys. Tell them that you're praying for them. Bless your souls, war is just what old Sherman said it was. I rejoice that some of my blood has helped to paint the red in that old flag. I am glad that we can hand the heritage for which we fought down to our boys. Mothers, encourage your boys in the things that ought to be as precious as life itself."

Judge Mitchell said in part: "Ladies and gentlemen and boys that have enlisted for the war. Just 56 years ago this month the flag was fired upon at Sumpter and Lincoln made his call for 40,000 volunteers for ninety days to put down the Rebellion. The next call was for 300, then again 300,000 and still 300,000 more. I am

going to talk to you boys but I am glad to see the turn-out of people here tonight. Since we fought there

has been a great improvement in death-dealing devices and a new method called trench warfare which you boys may have to face. The thing for you boys to do is to put your reliance in God and buckle on your armour. It may be three or four years before this war is ended. We want you boys to remember that you are not going out on a picnic. Stay by the old Flag all the way through and may God bring you safely back to your friends and to a peace the whole world through.”

Supt. R. G. Mueller said in part:
“I believe that we teachers may safely claim the honor of raising these boys, more than anyone else perhaps, outside of their own homes. We have talked with them and counseled them and we have taken them across our knees and argued with them. I have been rather a close observer of what is going on in the world and somewhat of a student of history. I believe that these are the most important events in all history of the world. As far as I know there have never before been such great issues at stake. This is no play matter. It is not a time for rejoicing, neither is it a time for mourning. We must face the issues. In this connection I am reminded of that toast given by Stephen Decatur 100 years ago. ‘My country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she ever be right, but My Country, right or wrong.’ That is the one sentiment of our country, a universal sentiment. Whether or not we may have agreed with the powers that be, our lot has been cast and there is but one thing to do—stand by the country. We at home will have a part to play—to keep the industries of life going and to supply our men at the front with the supplies they need, that our boys may not suffer for the necessities of life. As I look out upon this crisis in this momentous time, it seems to me that we have here a unique opportunity to gather

together as citizens to do honor to the boys of our previous war and to the defenders of our homes. May the heritage from the boys of '61 be transmitted to these boys, to the end that democracy may never cease from the earth."

Rev. Dr. Thayer said: "I would prefer to sit here and listen to these old veterans who have borne the burden and heat of the day. We are in the position of Carey of modern missions fame who said: 'I'll go down into the well, but you've got to hold the rope.' We're in the conflict just as much as these boys and we've got to hold the rope. War is exacted at the fearful cost of good things. I was just old enough to remember seeing the soldiers come back from the Civil War. It cost a lot. And the tragedy of it was that you old soldiers had to go out and fight the South to establish in the South just the very thing it needed most—a realization of the importance of strong central government. It isn't to kill Germans that we now go to war, though that may be necessary. Caesar once thought to conquer all that great portion of Europe for himself, then the name changes a trifle until it became the Czar, then and then again to the Kaiser, dynasties that believe in a world created for their own express benefit. The thing you boys have got to do is to establish democracy in the minds and hearts of the people who most need it—to carry democracy into the center of the world's greatest imperialism. To give these German people the same rights as these other people of like race who come into town every Saturday with their happy families and in a land of perfect liberty."

Rev. Morton made a most eloquent address. The Methodist minister talks rapidly and the reporter had difficulty keeping up. He began with an apt phrase: "Saviours of Our Country and Defenders of Our Country: "I am happy to be in Seneca. I

was glad to be in the city clerk's office this morning at the call of the Mayor and to see this drama in life unfold. This is a very solemn occasion which you and I will not forget for some time. Shortly we may hear the trump that will announce our part in the mighty conflict and we are here tonight to take part in maintaining the institutions of democracy in which we live. Our history has been measured by notable events and only a democracy born like ours could give birth to such great and glorious heroes." Dramatically the speaker gestured to either side of the room. "It is not far across this aisle," he

said, "but it is far across the years. I seem to hear the voice of that great patriot who said, 'give me liberty or give me death.' And again Nathan Hale who said, 'I regret that I have but one life to give for my country.' And later those words, 'Shoot if you must this old grey head, but spare your country's flag' and that stirring cry, 'On to Richmond, On to Richmond.' We have laid all political alignments aside and for one I say let Teddy and his boys go forward." (This remark drew a roar of applause.) Boys, we can trust you, you have our highest regard and respect. May Christ be with you night and day."

Mrs. H. E. Jenkins said in part: "Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen and Our Young Soldiers. I am proud of this opportunity to say a few words. If I can leave one good thought with these boys I shall be satisfied. This is a sad time, this parting of loved ones yet we are glad and proud that we have mothers who can raise sons who are ready to answer their country's call. We feel sure that the mothers will be blessed by these lessons of truth and patriotism. One country and one flag. Revere and hold it sacred boys. We give our flag into their keeping. I love every star and every bar in Old Glory. I

love the old comrades, those who gave that we might enjoy these privileges. They trust these treasures in your hand and if you must go, may God bring you safely back to us, with flag unstained and honored, the flag of the free. You boys were not born to be slaves. May God bless you.”

Ira K. Wells: “Ladies and Gentlemen, we’re in war. We don’t realize what it means. But this war will be brought home to us and every family will have to do its bit. We must face the music. We appreciate that these boys have come forward without waiting for a draft. I hope T. R. will be allowed to carry the flag to the front.”

Responses were given by Embert Coles, Rolland Dennen and Albert Koelzer and by Corporal Parrott of the regular army who is home on furlough. Embert Coles said that he didn’t expect to come back with a lot of medals on his breast and hoped that he would not come home with holes in the back of his coat. Rolland Dennen said that he had rather hoped for medals. He said that he might need a little re-enforcement in front. The boys were all thankful for the demonstration.

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling All [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

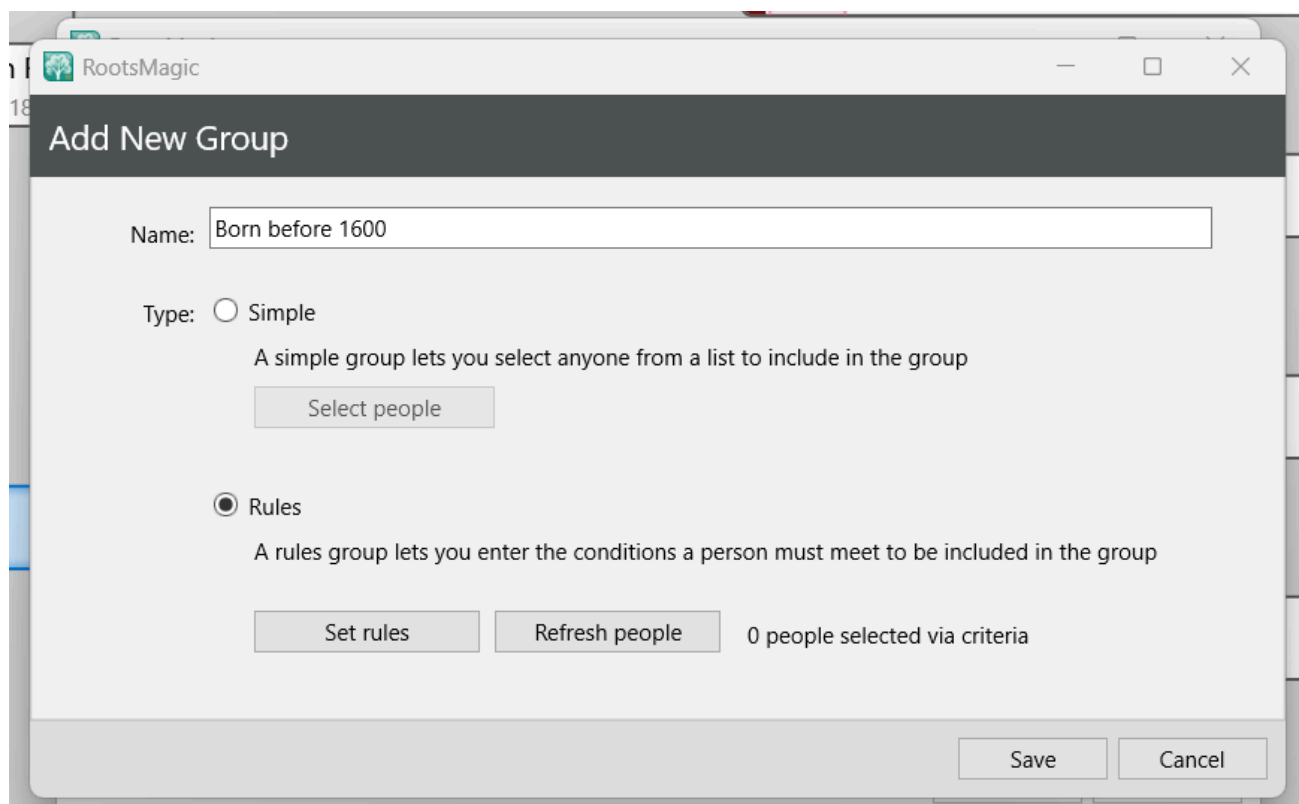
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

- 1) Today's challenge is to answer the question **“Who Is the Earliest Ancestor In Your Paternal Tree?”**
- 2) Tell us about your earliest paternal ancestor in your family tree on your own blog post, in a comment here, or on your Facebook page. Be sure to leave a link to your report in a comment on this post.

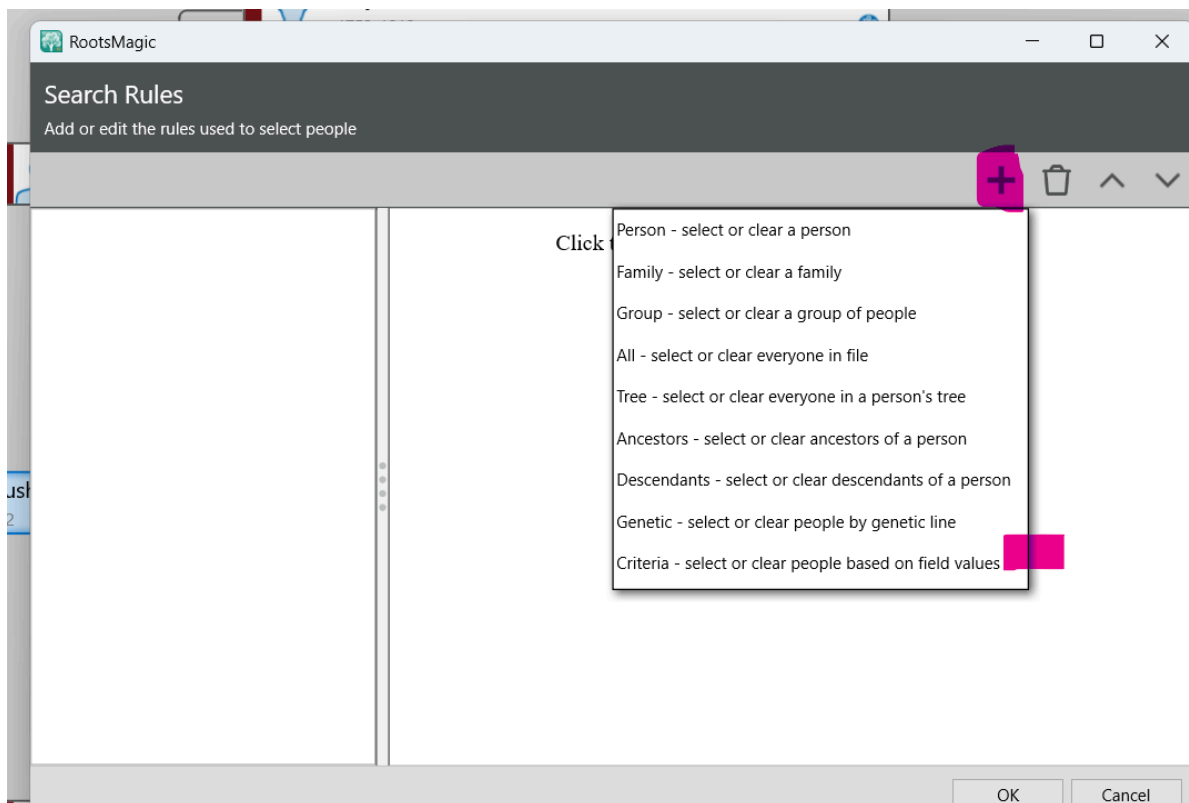
The honest answer to this question is ‘I don’t know’. I have a very deep tree with many colonial lines. Quite a few of those lines go back to New England or New Amsterdam.

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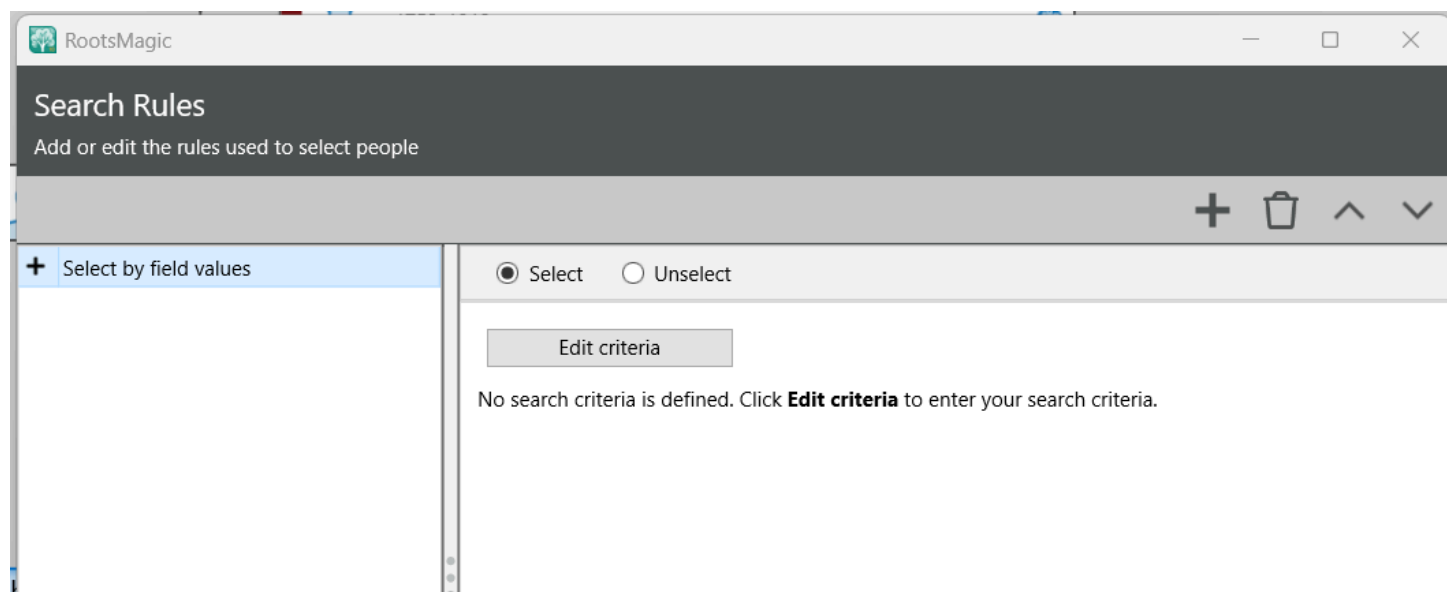
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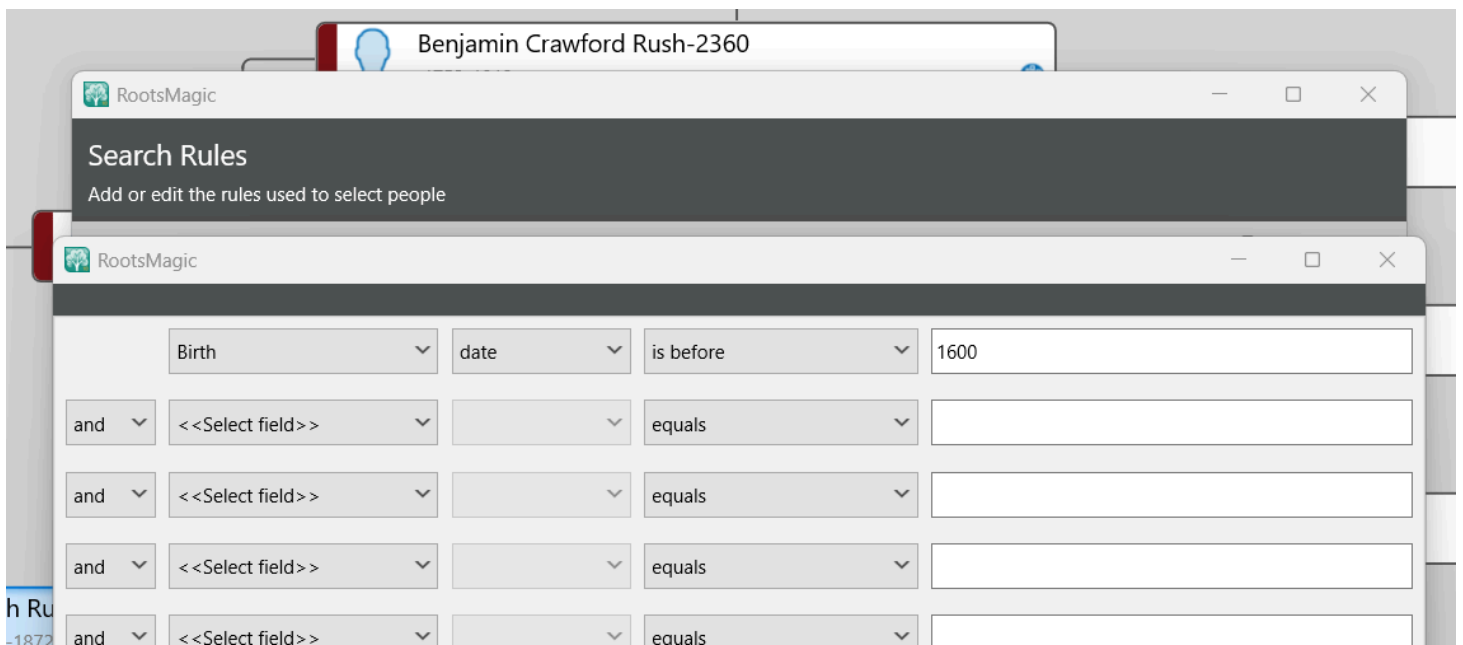


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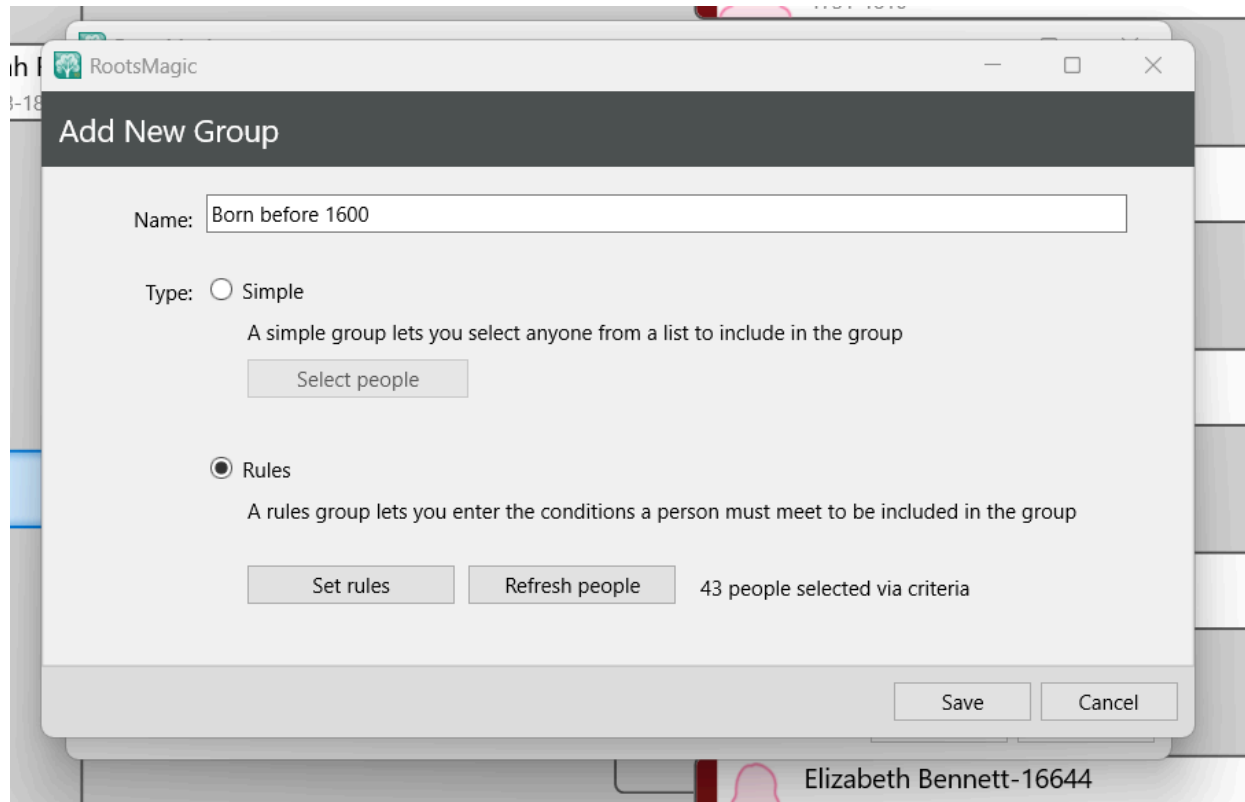


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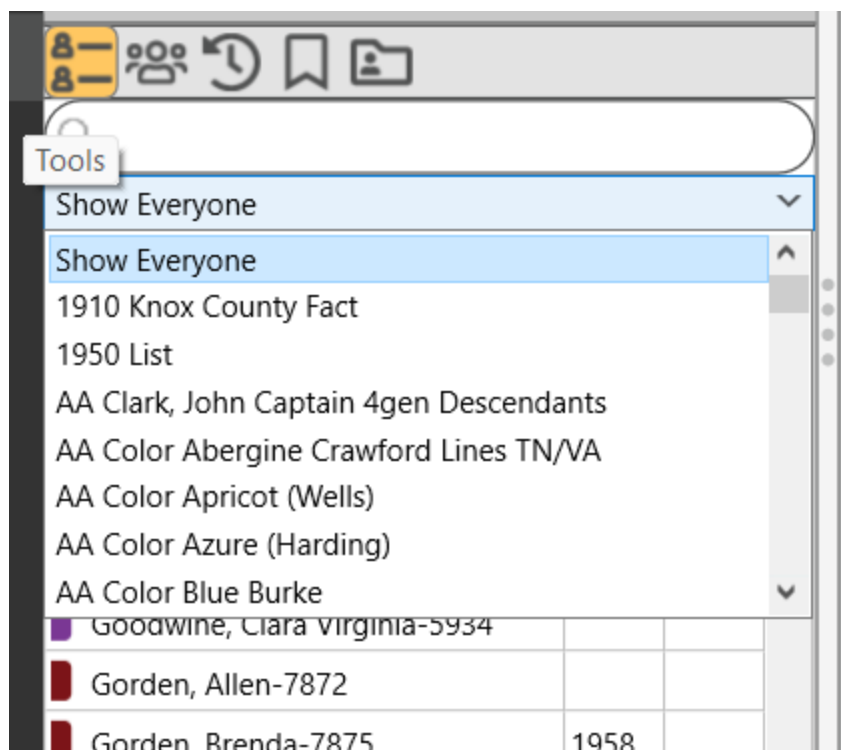
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After clicking OK, it shows 43 people in this group. Pressing OK saves the group.



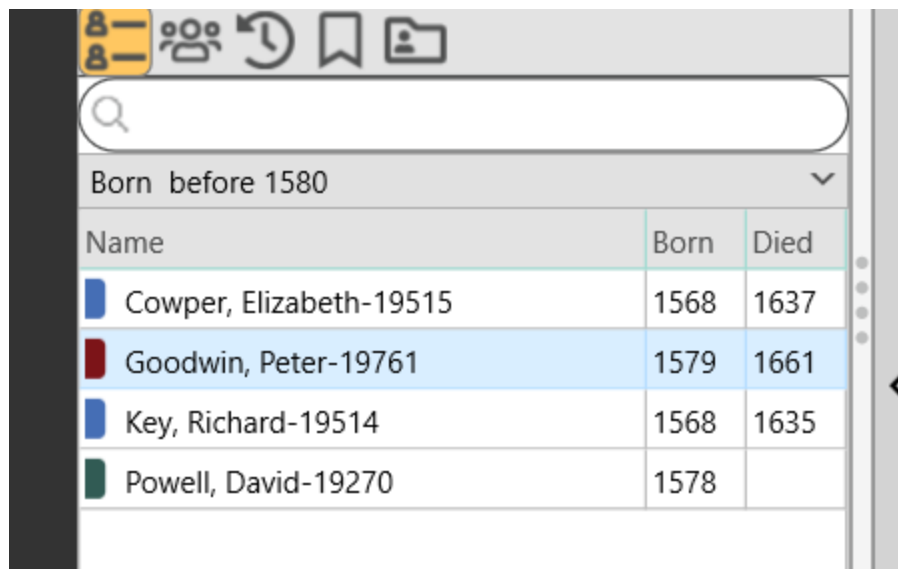
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After selecting my 'born before 1600' group I now have a list of 43 individuals in the list.

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Goodwin, Peter-19761	1579	1661
Harding, Joseph I-19967	1599	1630
HARPER, Isabel-19164	1592	1667
Hillard, Lady Sarah-19762	1590	1661
Hoskins, John Sr.-19328	1587	1648
Hurst, Deacon James Jacob-19969	1590	1657
Jones, Thomas Henry-19518	1598	1671
Key, Richard-19514	1568	1635
Leppingwell, Michael Sr.-20113	1599	1687
Marshall, Edmund II-20159	1598	1673
Mitchell, Matthew-19747	1590	1646
Newell, Abraham Sr.-19657	1583	1672
Palmer, Walter-20153	1585	1661
PEABODY, John-19163	1590	1667
Powell, David-19270	1578	
Quarles, William-20017	1599	1673
Redknap, Joseph-20019	1590	1685

Since I was looking for the person born the earliest, I created another group. This time the rule stated birth date is before 1580



The screenshot shows a genealogy software interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, a filter is applied: "Born before 1580". A table displays the search results with columns for Name, Born, and Died. The table contains four entries: Elizabeth Cowper (1568-1637), Peter Goodwin (1579-1661), Richard Key (1568-1635), and David Powell (1578-). The entry for Peter Goodwin is highlighted in blue.

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Of these 4 individuals, Elizabeth Cowper and Richard Key are 10th great grandparents on my BURKE line. David Powell is a 10th great grandfather on my FOSTER line and Peter Goodwin is a 11th great grandfather on my Briles line, which is a maternal line.

Elmer Duggins

As a RootsMagic user, one of my favorite features is the ability to update a single citation for a source and have it automatically apply to every instance where that citation is used.

While researching the Duggins descendants of Sally Smith, I noticed one of my citations was incomplete. By filling in the missing details in the citation fields, the footnote instantly updated across all uses. I also added the transcription to the notes field for easy reference back to the original text. The final step was attaching an image of the source.

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Elmer E. Duggins-346 (LHGH-9JB)
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Mr. Duggins is a member of Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are both members of the Rathbone Sisters. Mr. Duggins is a Republican, though he is not a politician and has never sought office, preferring to give his whole attention to his work. He is intelligent, well-

informed, and socially inclined. Always willing to oblige, Mr. Duggins has earned a well-merited popularity in the community in which he lives.

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Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 14 July 1941

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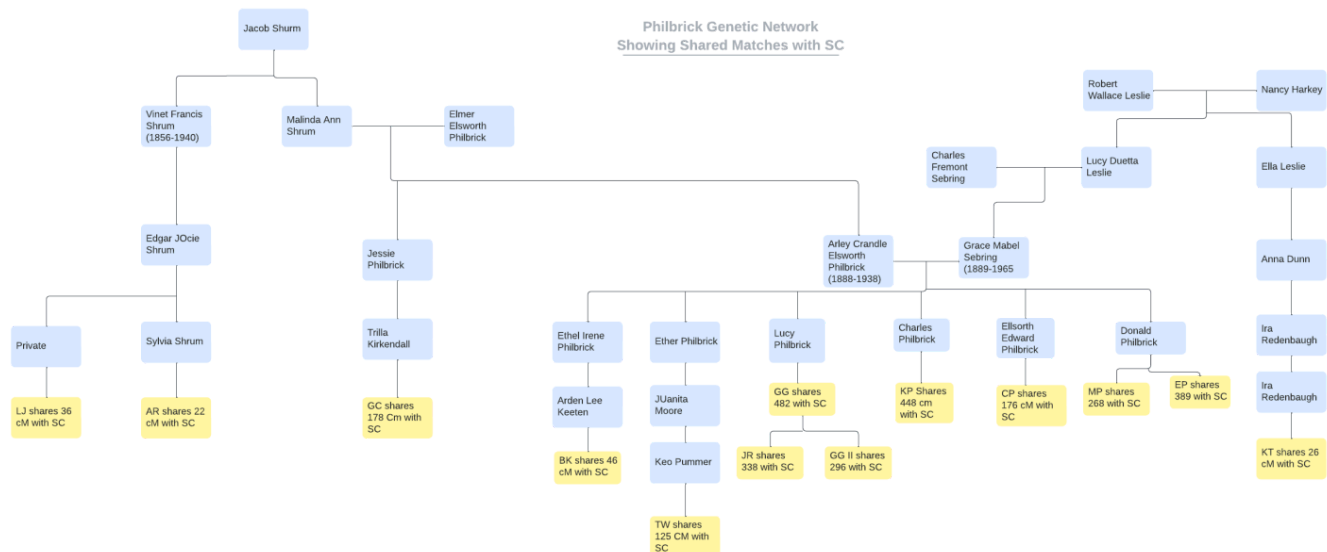
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Genetic Tree

Do you know all of your first and second cousins? How about their children—your once-removed cousins? I have to admit, I'm not great at keeping up with the younger generations. In contrast, my husband amazes me with how well he keeps track of everyone.

So, when a DNA match contacted him seeking help to figure out their relationship, it was both intriguing and surprising. This match, listed as a probable second cousin on Ancestry, shares 268 cM. Their shared match list includes my husband's brother and several of his first cousins.

Having recently participated in the *Shared Matches of Matches* course by [YourDNA Guide](https://www.yourdnaguide.com/) See <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>, I decided to create a genetic network to explore the connection.



The genetic network confirmed our initial conclusion: the surprise match descends from Arley Philbrick and his wife, Grace Sebring. Among the matches, there are nine connections to other descendants of Arley and Grace. Additionally, there is a match to a descendant of Robert Leslie (Nancy Harkey) and matches to descendants of Jacob Shrum.

However, Arley and Grace had 13 children, making it a challenge to pinpoint exactly which child the mystery match descends from. Solving this puzzle will require more information.

Happy Thanksgiving

Today is a day for family. For me, it is also a day for community.

For the past several years, I have spent the early morning of Thanksgiving helping to prepare a Community Thanksgiving in my small town of Seneca, Kansas. The early shift prepares the dressing, puts the turkey on to reheat, starts the corn and then begins packaging the pies and salads. While it is a very early morning, it is a great way to serve the community!

Later in the day, my husband and I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my brother and his family. Some of my previous posts highlight our family thanksgivings.

- [Thanksgiving](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/23/thanksgiving/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/23/thanksgiving/>. (2023)
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Happy Thanksgiving greeting text with fall pumpkins, squash and leaves over dark wood table background

Friday Find

Marriage Record of Clarence Albert Mentzer

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD

State of Kansas

Woodson County

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.

In the Probate Court in and for said County and State.

Clarence Albert Mentzer, hereby applies for a Marriage License addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony **Clarence Albert Mentzer** and **Grace Graham**, and being duly sworn, depose:

That said **Clarence Albert Mentzer** is **27 years of age**, and that said **Grace Graham** is **23 years**; that they have their parents' consent to said union and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that the woman is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

Clarence Albert Mentzer (signature)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this **6 day of May, A.D. 1913**.

(Seal) **W. B. Woodside**, Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS,
County of Woodson, ss.

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the **6 day of May, A.D. 1913**, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE No.

Woodson County, State of Kansas, May 6, A.D. 1913.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **Clarence Albert Mentzer** Yates Center Kans, aged **27 years**, and **Grace Graham** of Yates Center Kans, aged **23 years**,

consenting thereto, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(SEAL) **W. B. Woodside**, Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit, on the _____ day of _____ A.D 190__ returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WOODSON, SS.

I, **A Clergyman**, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the **7 day of May, A.D. 1913**, at Yates Center, Kansas, in said County, consenting thereto join and unite in Marriage the within named **Clarence Albert Mentzer** and **Grace Graham**.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

W. L. French
Clergyman

Attest: **W. B. Woodside**, Probate Judge

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War News

Spanish American War

(Narrative account written by ChatGPT using article from 3 May 1917 Courier Democrat)

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, Seneca, Kansas, and Nemaha County played an integral role in supporting the nation's call to arms. The fervor and patriotism exhibited by the town were unparalleled, as its citizens rallied to honor the brave volunteers enlisting to defend their country.

The town erupted into activity when the news of war broke. On a Thursday afternoon, the city came alive with the clamor of fire bells, church bells, steam whistles, and even cannon fire, marking the nation's declaration of war. The fire company, initially mistaking the uproar for a city fire, soon realized the commotion reflected the community's enthusiastic response to the war effort. Residents, filled with patriotic fervor, marched to the tune of martial music while the town adorned itself with flags and bunting. Speeches stirred the crowd, and many young men were eager to enlist.

On May 5, Seneca formally organized its volunteer company. City Marshal W. D. Sherman was unanimously elected captain. In a heartfelt speech, he expressed his gratitude and commitment to the company and the flag. Due to an incomplete roster, other officers were to be selected later in Topeka. The evening concluded with a grand supper at the G.A.R. Hall, hosted by the women of Seneca. Songs and camaraderie filled the night as the soldiers prepared for their departure.

The following morning, the young men, numbering 63 from Nemaha and Brown Counties, marched to the train depot. There, amidst emotional goodbyes, cheers, and cannon fire, they boarded their train for St. Joseph. This poignant scene captured the community's deep pride and solemn recognition of the sacrifices ahead.

The Seneca Company joined the 3rd Regiment Kansas Volunteer Infantry, later known as Co. K. Patriotic demonstrations greeted their journey to Washington, D.C., and later to Camp Alger in Virginia. However, the war's harsh realities soon struck. Captain Sherman, who had led the volunteers with honor, succumbed to typhoid fever at Camp Alger in August. His funeral, held in Seneca, drew nearly 3,000 mourners who paid their respects to their fallen leader.

As the war unfolded, Commodore Dewey's naval victory in Manila inspired renewed national pride. The Seneca volunteers' dedication and the community's unwavering support embodied the spirit of unity and patriotism that defined this chapter of American history. The legacy of their courage and sacrifice remains a testament to the town's enduring commitment to freedom and democracy.



From the Courier Democrat published 3 May 1917

ECHOES OF OUR LAST WAR

A COMPANY HERE THEN.

THE PART SENECA AND NEMAHA COUNTY PLAYED DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN CONFLICT.

Never before in the history of the city has there been witnessed such an excitement and dash of the populace as on Thursday afternoon of last week, when the news flashed over the wire that the tocsin of war had been sounded. The fire bell clamored, church and school bells jingled, steam whistles bellowed and cannon boomed, and grand, defiant pandemonium reigned supreme. The fire company was quick to respond to the alarm, not knowing that the signal signified that the American heart had been fired instead of the city. The firemen looked pale and excited because they imagined the whole town ablaze and they could feel the parching heat. It soon became known, however, that this tremendous applause was but the echo of Amens and hosannahs going up all over the country in ap-

proval of the nation's final demand and the calm but inflexible purpose of the people. Men and boys with measured tread, marched about to martial music that kindled the passions of a patriotic people. Speeches were made and the entire city was gorgeously decorated with flags and bunting. Everybody, it seemed, wanted to enlist that very minute. Had Gen. Weyler and his regiment of butchers appeared in this city just then, they would have been eaten alive.—The Courier-Democrat, issue of April 29, 1898.

From The Courier-Democrat of May, 5, 1898: About five o'clock Wednesday evening, the company was mustered in and they at once proceeded to the completion of the organization of the company by electing our city marshal W. D. Sherman captain. Captain Sherman stepped forward and in a few well selected remarks, thanked the company for the honor conferred upon him and declared his loyalty and devotion to the company and flag. As the full quota of men had not been secured to make the company complete lieutenants could not be selected. The company will be completed at Topeka, and then the balance of the officers will be selected.

After electing their Captain, the company fell in line and marched to the G. A. R. Hall, where the ladies of Seneca had prepared an excellent supper for the company. No company of welcome guests ever sat down to a more bountiful repast of delicious viands, and the boys showed their appreciation in such a practical way that evinced the fact they were good eaters as well as good fighters. Addresses, loaded to the guard with true American patriotism were made by Maj. H. C. Lindsay, Dr. W. H. Wharton, and local ministers of the city.

The G. A. R. Hall was kept open all night for the accommodation of the

young soldiers, who enjoyed themselves with songs and musical selections until train time. The ladies of the Seneca W. R. C. remained all night, and shortly before the company left for the depot (Thursday morning) served the company with a nice lunch and hot coffee. The company then marched to the depot where two coaches awaited them and at 3:30 a. m. left for St. Joseph. Their departure was an affecting scene. Tender goodbyes and regretful farewells, mother's tears and sister's kisses, mingled with deafening cheers and good wishes, amid the cannon's boom, was a scene in life's terrible drama that could not help but interpret the awful meaning of war.

Issue of May 6: 63 Seneca Recruits Go to the Front. Last Wednesday, May 4th in this city, 63 of the local sons of Nemaha and Brown counties were mustered into Uncle Sam's army. Major H. C. Lindsay of Topeka, of the First Kansas Regiment and Drs. W. H. Wharton of Yates Center and N. Hayes of this city, composed the recruiting board. The recruiting was slow, only six applicants from Brown county appeared before the Board. Those who were accepted include: Fred Murray, W. R. Jacobs, G. W. Swaney, C. E. Ryan of Perry, Oklahoma; C. E. Spickel;

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meir of Manhattan, Fred M. Fischer, Roy Martin, afterward a lieutenant; H. H. Hurlburt, Joseph Moss, W. J. Dalton, Geo. Toler, Louis Miller, afterward captain, Albert Nusbaum, J. T. Nusbaum, John F. Garber, George Jones, J. W. Richards of Bern, Clarence C. Locke, Fred H. Bauernfeind, L. H. Houseman, Arthur E. Ashton, G. T. Pierce, W. D. Huff of Bern, Frank Lee of Kelly, J. H. Assenmacher, John F. Herold, Bern; John W. Schlereth, Fred W. Cragg, E. P. Kohn, J. A. Blair, S. E. Hobbs, F. G.

Reiberg, Willis J. Campbell, Frank Melcher, Bert Minor, John Pugh, W. F. Catheram.

It is reported from Madrid that the destination of the Spanish fleet which is said to have been at sea for some days, is unknown to anyone but the minister of marine. But it is added that news is expected before long at the Spanish capital of the bombardment of the American coast. — Issue April 29th.

The war Department at Washington is overlooking an important card. They should order enough Seneca whiskey to fill the canteen of every soldier before leaving for Cuba. Seneca whiskey has more fight per swallow than any internal lubricator ever placed before the public. We have this authority from a gentleman who has been playing star engagements at nearly all the bars in the country. — Issue May 6th

No less than 100 people were at the depot last Monday night when the eleven o'clock passenger train came in to get a paper and learn later particulars about Commodore Dewey's glorious victory at Manila in the Phillipine Islands. It was the first modern naval contest and the significant victory will cause America to sing Dewey's praises throughout all time.

The Seneca Company of volunteers leave Topeka today with their regiment for Washington D. C. where they have been called by the War Department. The Seneca Company will hereafter be known as Co. K, 3rd Regiment Kansas Volunteer Infantry. — May 20th.

Camp Leedy to Camp Alger. The 22nd Kansas Regiment is moved from Topeka to Falls Church, Virginia, amid patriotic demonstrations all along the line. The boys were almost buried with flags and flowers. — May 20th.

The saddest news that has reached this city in many a day was the telegram that announced that Capt. W. D. Sherman died at five o'clock Tuesday morning, August 9th. Capt. Sherman took sick at Camp Alger on Sunday, July 24 and on the Wednesday following he was removed to the general hospital at Fort Myer near Washington. The doctor having pronounced it a case of typhoid fever. The funeral of Capt Sherman was held at the county court house yard in Seneca, August 14th, under the auspices of Nemaha Lodge 99 Knights of Pythias of this place. Nearly three-thousand people showed the last tribute of respect to the departed at the bier. The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Emerson of the Christian church, assisted by the Rev. E. Combie Smith, Leon T. Jones and C. H. Bente.